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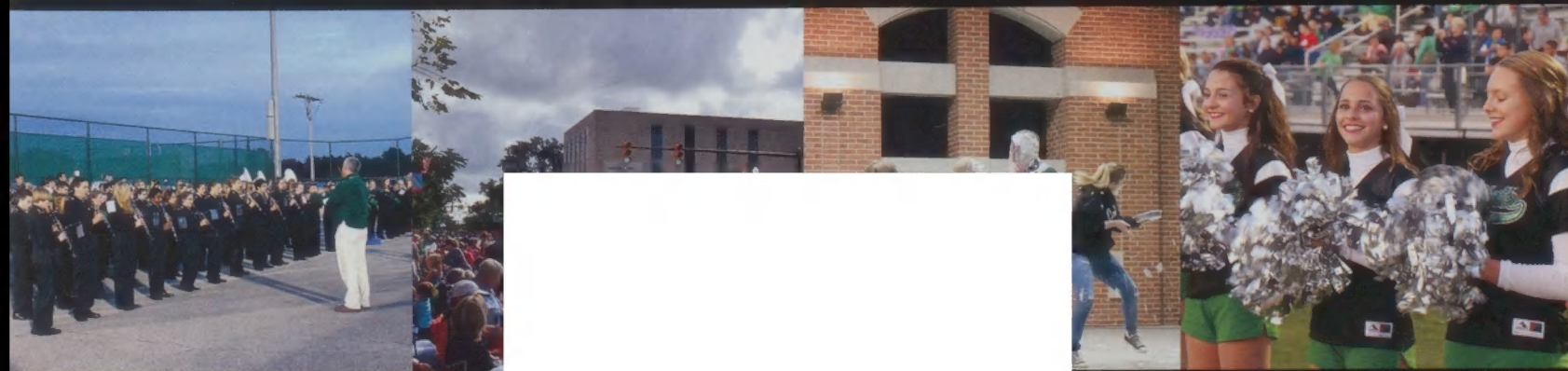






# More Than A Little, More Than Enough, More To Come

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A group of seniors pose under a Go-Pro camera before a home football game.



The cheerleaders cheer on the senior football players on senior night.



Viking Nation displays patriotism during halftime at a home football game.



Staff members from the Valenian march in the homecoming parade.





Sophomore Will Weismann fights for the ball.



Football players observe the pep rally.



Junior Johnathan Zygmunt runs in a cross country race.



The Varsity Singers entertain a crowd.



# What is More?

Although many beliefs and perceptions are relative, there is at least one universal fact: a yearbook aims to represent the student body as a whole. This is more than just a book. Flipping through the pages, you will find more than just words and pictures. This book captures the story of 2,082 students, many caring faculty and staff members, and our community of Vikings.

The students that attend Valparaiso High School are what make us have more than enough diversity to flourish; they bring the school to life between 7:35 and 2:25 on weekdays. The white noise of the hallways and the four tones of the late bell during the day are followed by crowds of fans cheering in the stands at games. It's as if they know something the outside world does not. Maybe VHS is more than just a school....

When we are freshmen, we are intimidated, and we feel as though high school will last forever. As sophomores, we realize that we have grown and matured since we were freshmen, but our time at Valparaiso High School still feels extensive. The juniors discover the stress of impending responsibilities, and the time here dramatically shrinks. Senior year is the final year. It is when we realize how fast four years can disappear. Most seniors, by this time, have experienced stress and heartbreak and have learned many lessons that will carry onto adulthood. The seniors know how to make it to class with time to spare, yet they still find themselves tardy. However slow or fast our time feels here, there is always more to come. There is always next year, wherever it may be, and we will never forget the good and bad times that we experienced while we attended Valparaiso High School.

This year, we are bringing in everything that Valparaiso is—more than a little, more than enough, and more to come.



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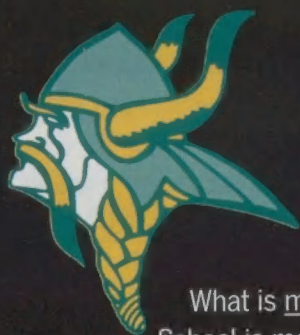
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# More than... A Little



What is more than a little? One thing is for sure: the spirit and pride that make up the student body of Valparaiso High School is more than a little. In this section of the book, students and staff can see how we all come together to make the most of our year. From the crazy spirit of Homecoming week to the great Popcorn Festival, the students don't miss an opportunity to show more than a little pride and celebrate what it means to be a Viking. Along with the huge celebrations like Popcorn Fest, which celebrates our community's heritage, the Vikings participate in more artistic activities, such as the fall play, the improvisation of Mocha Madness, and the antics of April. The students show more than a little talent in these productions as well as their artistic and travel-loving sides. In the relationships that students have, they show more than a little concern and compassion for others. In this section of the book, students have the opportunity to get to know more than a little about their peers. Finally, look over the next few pages to see the students go to the dance floor and show off their moves. From the Homecoming dance to kick off the year to the exciting pageant of the King of Hearts to the long-awaited Prom, students have many opportunities to mix and make memories. These memories and many more are captured in the following section, which shows the students have more than a little love for the school and can have more than enough fun during their time here at VHS.





# What's Not to Like About Popcorn?

## *Valparaíso Popcorn Festival 2014*

For almost 36 years, The Valparaíso Popcorn Festival has served as an opportunity for members of the community, as well as popcorn enthusiasts in general, to come together and celebrate. Since its conception in 1979, the festival has featured a parade, music, food of all kinds and popcorn.

"In my opinion, [Popcorn Festival] gives people within the community the chance to gather together for the same reason and simply enjoy it," junior **Nicole Huth** said. "It creates diversity within the community."

After almost four decades, a festival like this becomes tradition. **Luke Brown**, a junior, commented on the tradition associated with the Popcorn Festival.

"Valpo Velvet Ice Cream, which is my family's ice-cream shop, has been around for quite a long time now," Brown said. "Some of my fondest memories as a kid include being around the festival and being a part of our business. I hope that years down the road, the festival will bring about the same positive memories."



A man and little boy enjoy the festival.



A photographer captures photos of the popcorn parade from a rooftop.



VHS students pose for a picture during the festival.





Participants in the parade march. One participant dresses as a bag of popcorn.



Festival-goers gather in downtown Valparaiso's Central Park for live music and refreshments in celebration of the annual Popcorn Festival.

## Around Town



A Valparaiso police officer monitors activity during the annual popcorn parade.

Senior **Ian Norris** and junior **Luke Brown** walk to the festival Saturday afternoon to enjoy food and music.



Blue skies and favorable weather complimented the festivities.



Juniors **Kailey Clapp** and **Nicole Huth** pose for a picture as they watch the popcorn parade.



## Popcorn Parade

A young boy in a green shirt and shorts walks the parade route in Central Park. Photo on the right is the winner of the parade contest.



Central Park employees and family members ride the parade float in the popcorn parade.



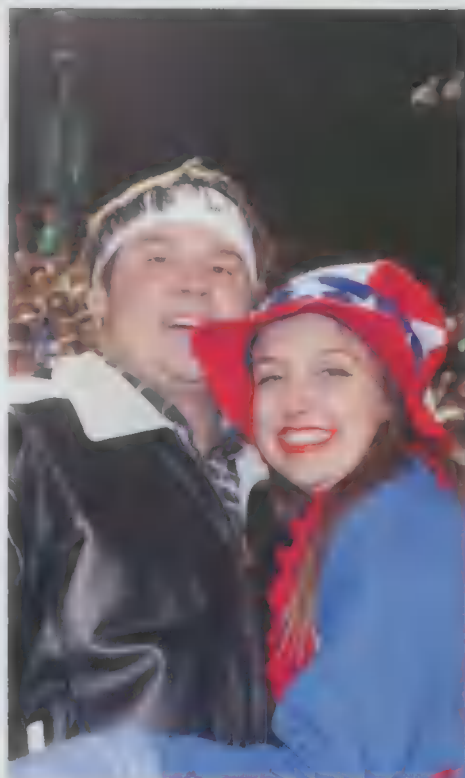
Students and family members ride the parade float in the popcorn parade.



A group of students and family members ride the parade float in the popcorn parade at the 2014 Valparaiso Popcorn Festival.

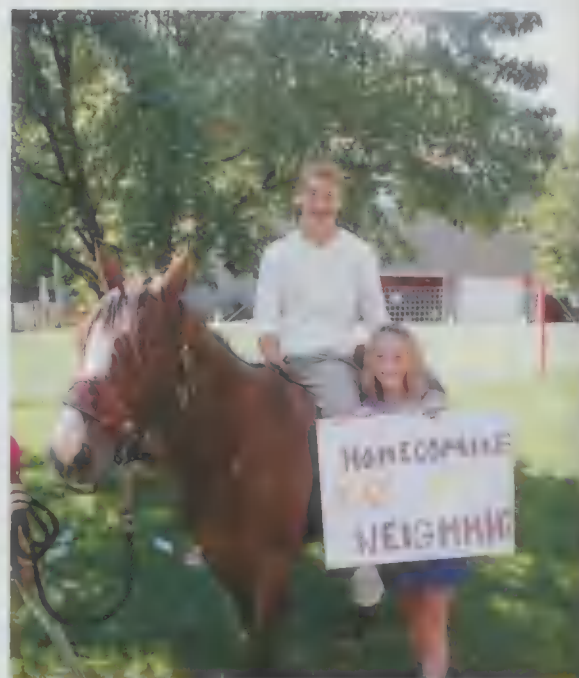
# Football, Spirit, & Dancing

*Homecoming comes to VHS once again*



Seniors **William Rollings** and **Hannah Monk** watch the homecoming game.

Senior **Jake Wild** asks junior **Allison Page** to homecoming while on a horse. Page said, "I said Yay. It was a very creative way to ask me."

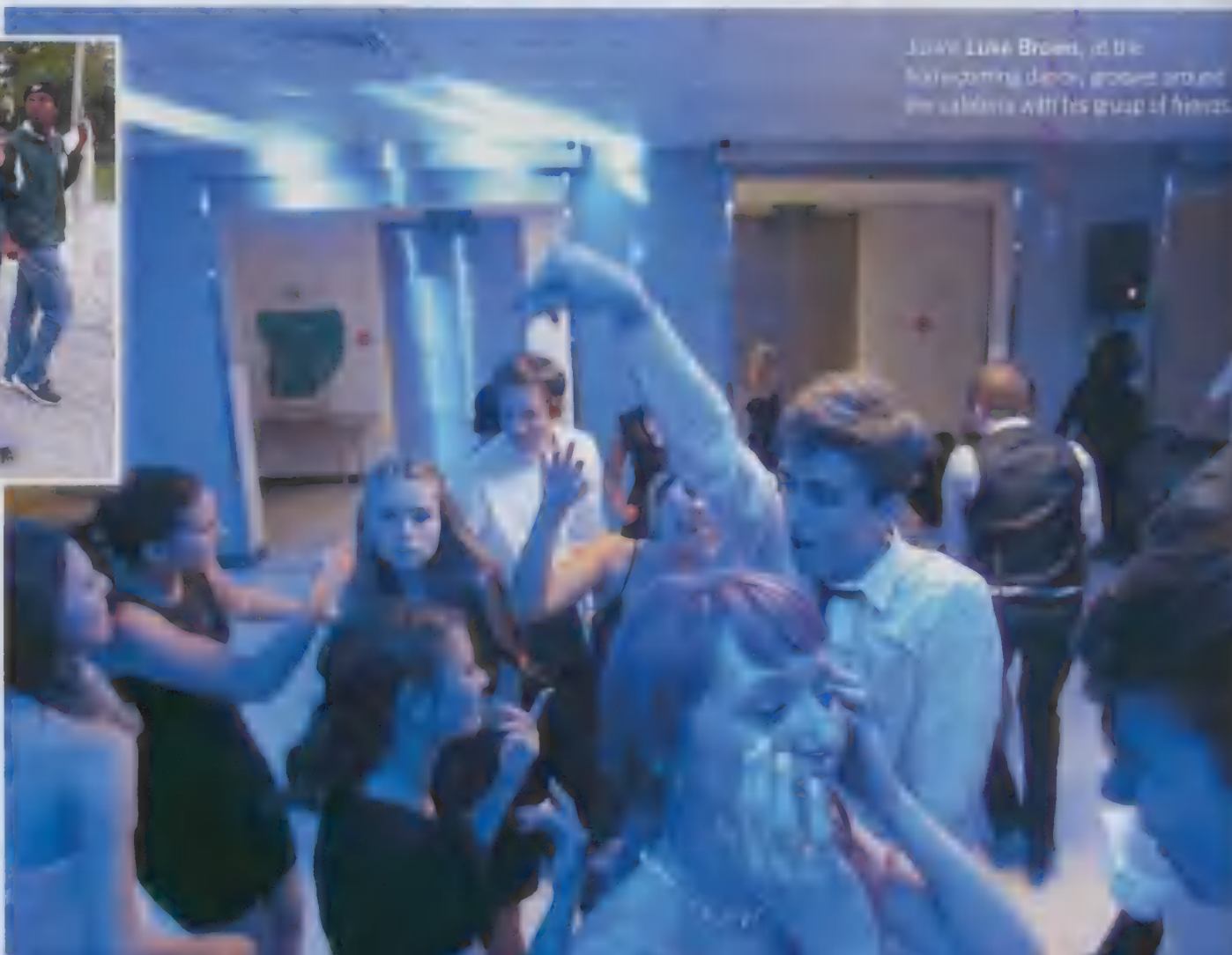


Clarinet players in the marching band play along during the halftime show.



Junior **Kennedy Pony** and senior **Ethan Pony** walk together at the Homecoming Parade. Kennedy said, "It was really fun seeing all the clubs together again."

Junior **Linus Brown**, of the Homecoming dance, grooves around the cafeteria with his group of friends.



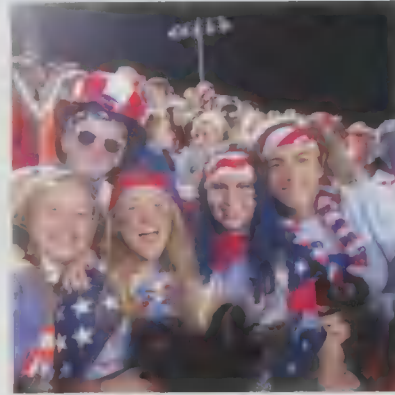


Senior **Mary Cobble** (right) is crowned homecoming queen alongside homecoming princess, senior **Kathryn Bower**. Cobble said, "It was an honor to be voted for homecoming queen and to be up in the court alongside my friends." Other members of the court were seniors **Julia Manion, Caroline Dykes, Meghan Gallagher** and **Olivia Rausei**.



**What was your favorite part of homecoming?**

"Dancing like there was no tomorrow and spending it with my friends." -**Kathryn Jankowski**, 11



"My favorite part of homecoming was the game, just because of the cool theme. On a scale of one to America, how free are you tonight?" -**Mary Jancovich**, 12



The Vikettes prepare to execute a routine at the annual pep rally held at Central Plaza downtown.



The girls basketball team shows off its float for the homecoming parade.



The football team runs on the field for their game against the Portage Indians. Junior **Chris Orlich** said, "Homecoming was awesome because on Thursday we got to ride on fire trucks."





# The Addams Family

# VHS Improv Comedy Show

*Two Shows Prove to be Mysterious and Spooky and Loads of Fun*

The Drama Club's Fall play was the Northwest Indiana premiere of "The Addams Family," which put a comedic spin on the creepy and kooky family. Wednesday Addams (senior **Maddie Blaney**) falls in love with Lucas (senior **Daniel Barajas**), a normal boy with a regular family. Wednesday invites Lucas to dinner at her house and begs her family to act normal, just for one night. Meanwhile, Wednesday's brother Pugsley (sophomore **Matthew Klemm**) misses his sister's usually grim personality and plans to bring it back with one of Grandma's potions.

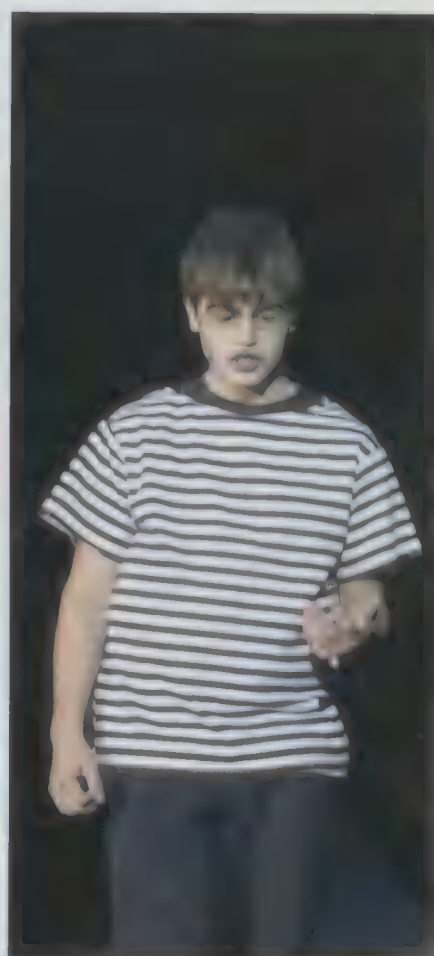
Another of Drama Club's shows, previously known as Mocha Madness but now called the VHS Improv Comedy Show, was a hit once again, running for three nights in the spring. Sponsor **Michele Gustin-Craig** praised her students since they got up on stage without lines! "Improv is all about making each other look good," she said.

Senior **Bob Schenck** won the Matt Erikson improv award. It was his first year of improv, and he improved by "leaps and bounds" since the first practice, according to Gustin-Craig. Teams took turns pulling lines out of a hat to perform scenes, taking suggestions from the audience, and even asking for volunteers to add to the performance.



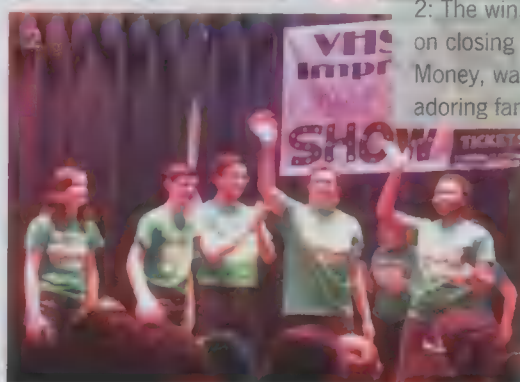
## Brotherly Love

Pugsley Addams (sophomore **Matthew Klemm**) steals a potion from Grandma (junior **Olivia Chappell**) to make his sister Wednesday "normal" again.



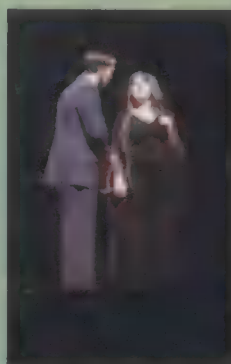
## Kings and Queens of Improv

1: Sponsor **Michele Gustin-Craig** congratulates senior **Bob Schenck** on winning the Matt Erikson award for "making his teammates look good."  
2: The winning team on closing night, Cash Money, waves to their adoring fans.

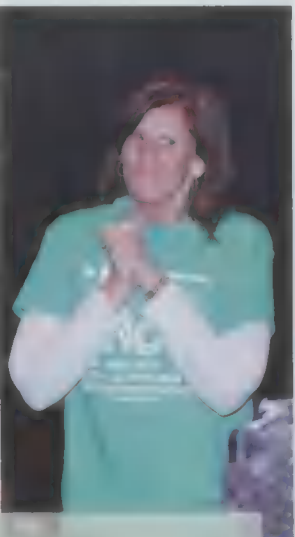
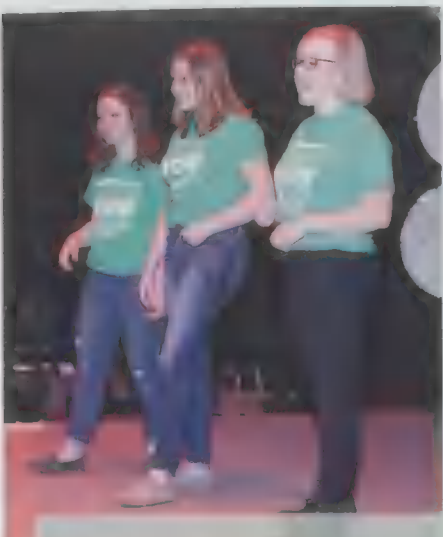


## Let's Talk About Love

Uncle Fester (**Nathan Bongard**) talks to the Addams ancestors about Wednesday (**Maddie Blaney**) and Lucas's (**Daniel Barajas**) secret marriage plans, while Gomez Addams (**Patrick Azar**) hides the plans to his wife, Morticia (**Carli Meihofer**).

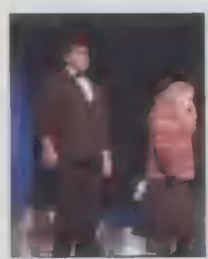






Hosts **Jenna Miller**, junior, **Emily Ahrendt**, senior, and **Carli Meihof**, senior, entertain the crowd between skits with jokes and corny puns, while **Michele Gustin-Craig** praises her hardworking students on closing night.

## Who is your favorite actor/actress?



"I like Bill Murray because he can do everything and he's got my last name."

*Jenna Miller, 10*

"Russell Crowe. I really like the role he plays in 'Gladiator.' It's one of my favorite movies."

*Madeline Cromer, 12*

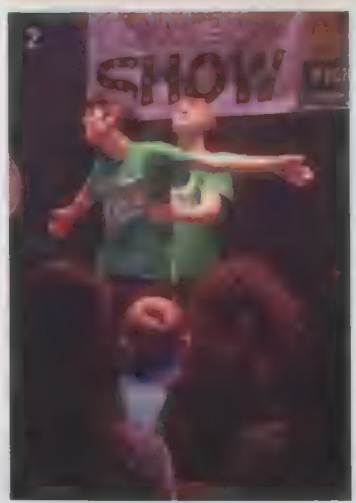
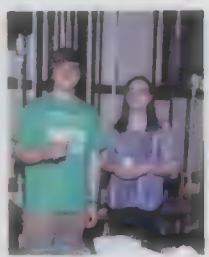


"My favorite actress is Zoey Deschanel because she uses her own quirky qualities to add to her roles."

*Kristopher Bluhm, 11*

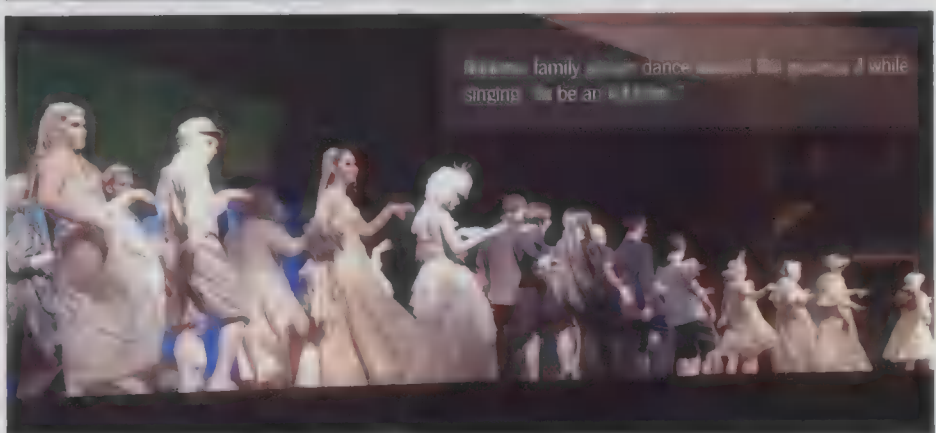
"Mark Wahlberg. I've always looked up to him. He's been in so many movies I've loved since I was a kid. I love his rap career."

*Emma Schlottman, 11*



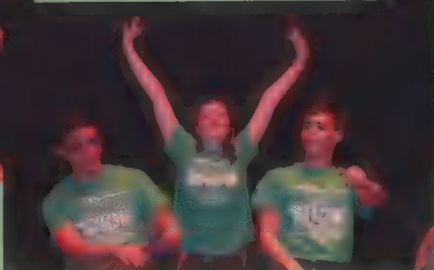
### Strike a Pose

Above: Sophomores clown around after the show. Left to right: **Michael Kelley**, **Emma Schlottman**, **Kristopher Bluhm**, **Madeline Cromer**, **Aaliyah Millikin**, **Amy Rappa**, **Carter Dahlgren**, and **Victor Peres**. Left: "I'm flying, Jack!" Senior **Robert Schenck** and sophomore **Kristopher Bluhm** act out a completely improvised romantic narration.



**Lindsey Deboer, 12**  
Kim Kardashian

**Emily Singer, 12**  
A Cheetah



**Abigail Mwaura, 12**  
An Unemployed Person

### Hitchhikers

Seniors **Patrick Azar** and **Daniel Barajas** pick up hitchhikers on their way to Vegas. They don't know who these hitchhikers are, so they have to guess based on the clues they are given.



# King of Hearts Dance *Vikings Dress to Impress for Winter Formal*

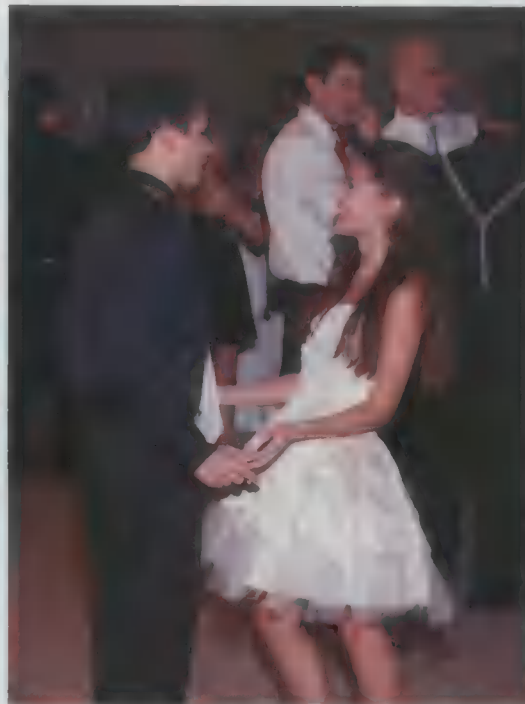
"Alice In Wonderland" was the theme for the 2015 King of Hearts Dance. The halls leading into the dance were covered in "Alice in Wonderland" inspired decorations. The decorations consisted of vibrant colors and crazy homemade mushrooms, flowers and grass. The dance took place on Feb. 21 from 8 to 11 p.m. During the dance, the six members of the KOH court were escorted into the dance by their dates and found out the results. Members of the court included seniors **Ethan Pony, Kurt Kohler, Keegan Whaling, Tyler Ellrich, Ben Leetz** and **Patrick Azar**. Whaling took the title of the King of Hearts, while Ellrich was named Prince.



Seniors **Cylie Miller, Julia Manion, Rushelle Miller, and Emily Lynch** show off their corsages before KOH.



VHS graduate **Haden Staab** and senior **Ally Runion** enjoy their time dancing at KOH.



Freshman **Jacob Bond** and sophomore **Zoe Krenz** have fun on the dance floor.



Seniors **Austin Garbison** and **Clinton Welton** attempt a challenging dance move.

## Meet The Kings: KOH Court



Winner **Keegan Whaling**, escorted by **Kevin Scanell**, walks into the cafeteria before being crowned the King of Hearts.

Nominee **Ethan Pony**, escorted by **Emily Morris**, walks into the King of Hearts dance, prepared to learn the final results.



Potential King of Hearts, senior **Ben Leetz**, escorted by **Taylor Kovacs**, struts into the King of Hearts dance.

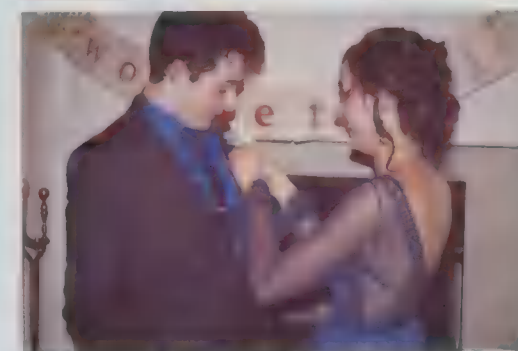
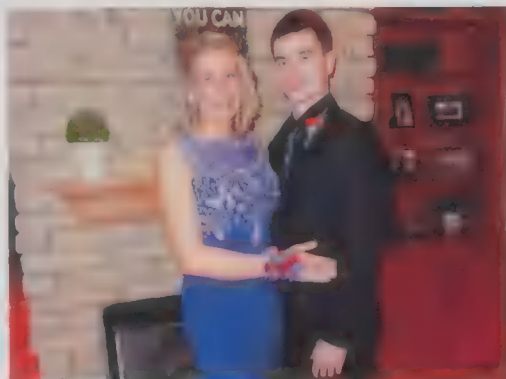




Senior **Keegan Whaling** stands on stage with the other nominees and their escorts after being crowned "The King of Hearts."



Junior **Mikey Nieto** and senior **Rebecca Roe** smile and pose prior to arriving at the King of Hearts dance.



Top: Seniors **Taylor McBride** and **Carter Mitchell** pose for a few pictures before making their way to their last KOH.  
Bottom: Junior **Nicole Huth** pins a boutonniere on her date, senior **Fisher Cherechinsky**.



Seniors **Makaila Devaney** and **Ireland McLinn** pose for a picture before KOH.

Kurt Kohler, escorted by Emma Mazurek, enters the building, where he will wait to find out the results.



Senior **Tyler Ellrich**, escorted by junior **Anne Clark**, walks into the King of Hearts dance, prepared to win the crown.

Senior **Patrick Ayer**, escorted by senior **Carli Meihofer**, makes his way into the building to find out the results.





# You had to be here...

## April Antics

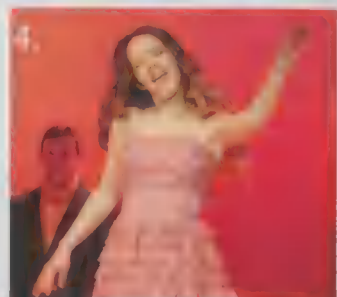
This year's April Antics variety show was one for the books. The show featured a talented cast and crew, along with memorable acts that kept the audience laughing all night long. The basis of the show was *Celebrity Bachelor*. On a tropical island, bachelor Carter tried to find love and a prom date, with the help of people that included the likes of Joan Rivers, Betty White and more. In the end, Carter found love and a date to the prom. Besides an interesting plot, different talent acts made appearances throughout the show. The show included synchronized swimming, hula hooping, Irish dancing and lots of musical performances. April Antics was written by seniors **Patrick Azar** and **Daniel Barajas**, who are president and co-president of Drama Club.



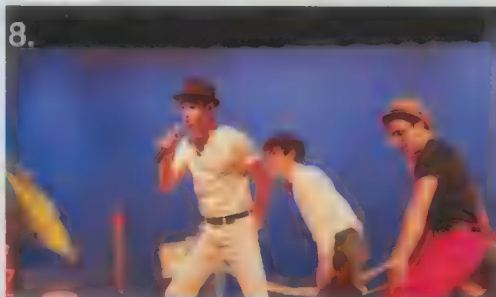
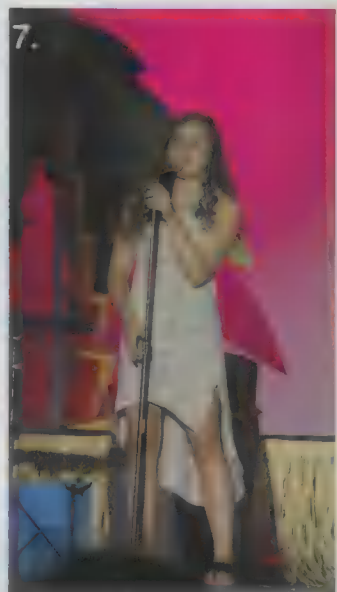
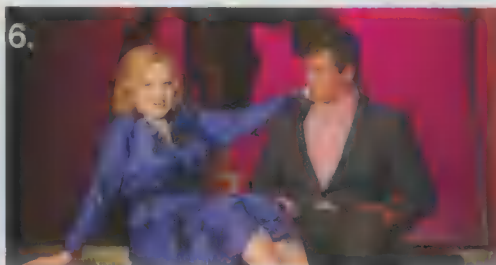
5. The Varsity Singers dance and sing to "Rhythm of the Night." 6. Senior **Carli Meihofer** is Betty Black, a spinoff of Betty White, and offers advice to the bachelor. 7. Freshman **Megan Dalton** sings and plays the keyboard as one of the acts in April Antics.

8. Senior writers **Daniel Barajas** and **Patrick Azar** perform the closing number, "Uptown Funk." 9. Senior **Storm Stevenson** sings a powerful solo.

10. Sophomore **Michael Kelloy**, who plays the janitor, and the bachelor, **Carter Dalgren**, make the crowd laugh with their acting abilities. 11. Senior duo **Ian Jones** and **Kathryn Bower** perform the song "Riptide" with Kathryn singing and Ian playing the ukulele.



1. The bachelor (**Carter Dalgren**) finds love on the island with Briget (**Emily Singer**). 2. Senior **Steven Fisher** rocks out as the pre-show act. 3. Sia (**Marissa Toren**) and Nicki Minaj (**Stephanie Bohn**) make an appearance at April Antics with the bachelor (**Carter Dalgren**). 4. Junior **Rachel Gebhart** shakes it off during the dance battle.



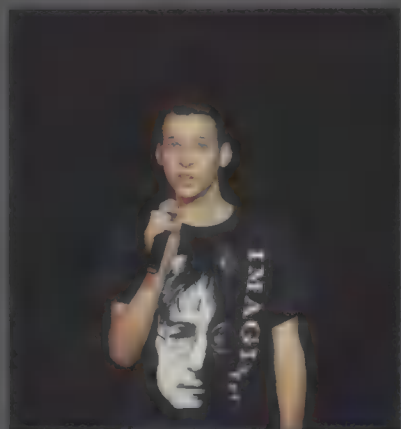


## What was your favorite thing about being a part of April Antics?



"My favorite thing about April Antics was the unity and support everyone had for each other."

-Emily Simcich, 11



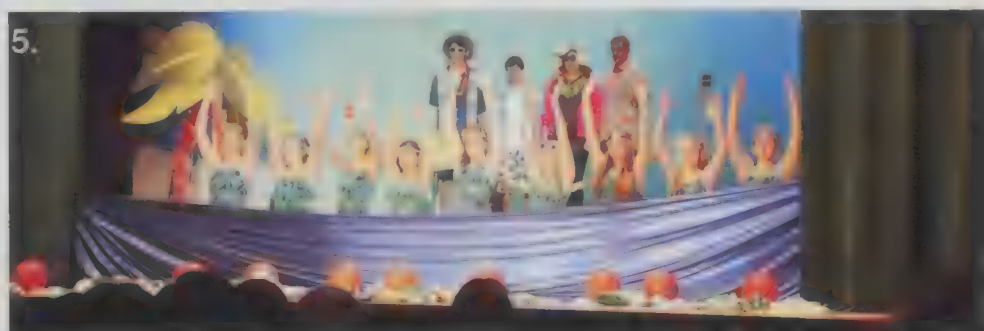
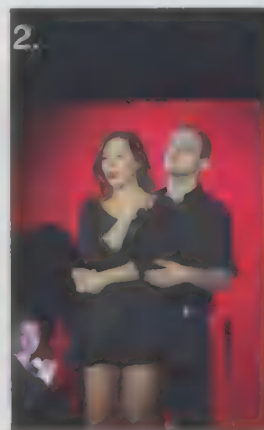
"My favorite thing about being in April Antics is always being surrounded by my friends and, of course, the applause at the end."

-Michael Radford, 11



"I love being able to show off a unique talent and getting to know a lot of awesome people really well."

-Alexa Kudrak, 11



1. The bachelor and his family arrive on the island to a surprising welcoming.

2. Junior **Annie Rastovski** and sophomore **Eric Evory** dance and sing "The Cellblock Tango." 3. The Love Gurus perform a medley of songs and bring the house down to end Act 1.

4. To end the show, the cast points to the crowd. 5. Valparaiso Girls Basketball welcomes the bachelor to the island with a synchronized swimming routine. 6. The Vikettes dance to "Black Widow." 7. 3 Freshmen perform the song "Too Close."

# Honors Art Show

*Young artists making a difference,  
one piece of art at a time*

This year, VHS held the 24th annual Honors Art Show, displaying a wide variety of art work from our many honors art students.

Working all year to prepare for the show, students had to remain focused and persevere through the most challenging projects. Although preparing for the show is stressful, all of the students enjoyed the two days their works were available to the public.

"My favorite thing about being in the art show was showing people the things I worked on for the whole year. It was awesome seeing everyone's reaction to my space and my work," senior **Marin Hilbrich** said.

The students have to haul heavy equipment to set up their own individual spaces to express their personalities.

Junior **Mia Baker** said, "The most difficult thing was probably finishing up all of my pieces to display and carrying the huge walls up from the basement."

This year's hard work paid off in the end, making for an amazing show.



"My favorite thing about the art show was seeing all of the art presented by other students."  
**Chris Hartz, 11**

## Artwork by...



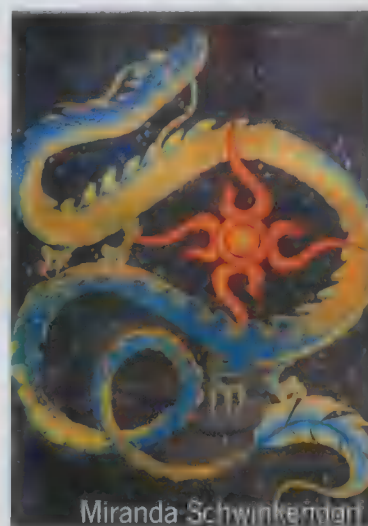
Emily Chycek, 11



TJ Kalin



Alex Jacobs



Miranda Schwinkendorf





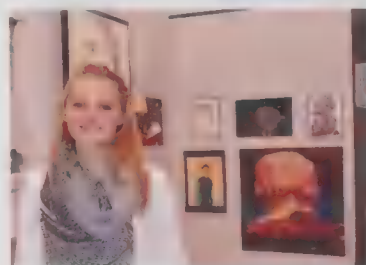
Seniors **Madison Walters** and **Dustin Barnett** walk through the art show and admire the works of their fellow classmates.



Senior **Marin Hilbrich** shows off her artistic ability.



## What inspires your art?



"I love recreating meaningful scenes from my life, as well as creating unique thought-provoking art. I love ambiguity."

-Mia Baker, 11



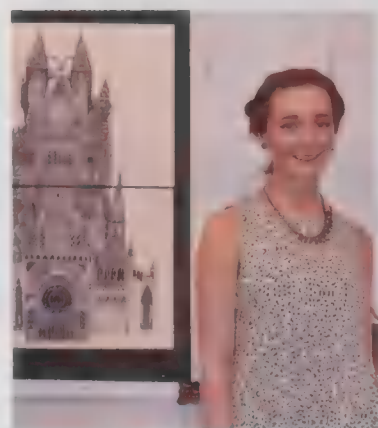
"The graffiti along city streets and passing trains because of its pure imagination."

-Billy Rollings, 12



"Other artwork and music. I try to introduce myself to a wide array of stimulants to get something unique flowing in my head."

-Kevin Scanell, 12



Senior **Ally Runnion** stands in her booth to inform people about her art.



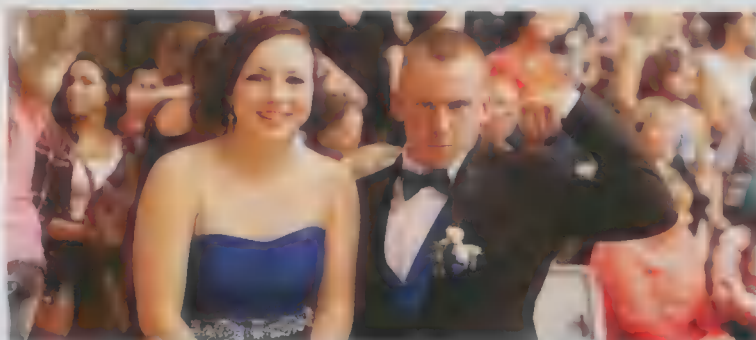
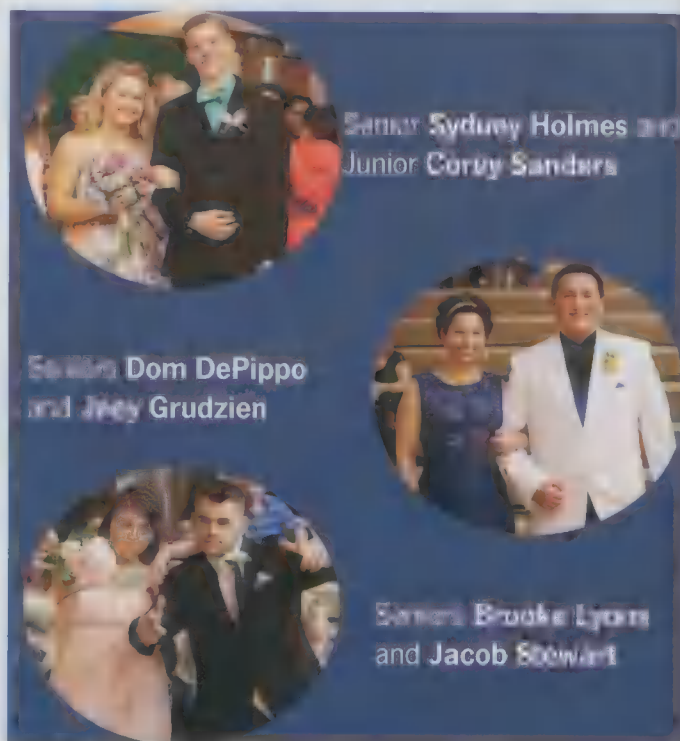
Sophomores **Suzanne Neumeier** and **Lexi Lahey** take time to interpret the detailed works of their peers.





# Prom *Bust a Move, Make a Memory*

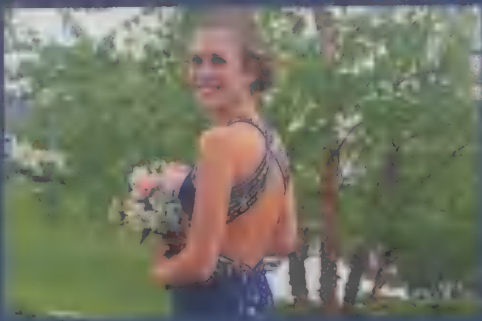
On May 15, seniors, juniors and even some sophomores attended VHS's annual prom, held at the Porter County Expo Center. The night included taking pictures, eating dinner and attending the Grand March, an opportunity to show off the attendees' attire to the spectators in Viking Gym. The theme for the dance was "Arabian Nights," and the Expo Center was decorated accordingly. Teachers **Rhonda Yelton** and **Mara Fiegle-Hicks** were in charge of festivities, starting with prom committee itself, which planned and set up the day of the dance. "I thought the theme was really cool, and overall I had a great time; best dance I've been to here in high school," senior **Michael Girman** said.



1. Seniors **Margaret Magall** and **Randy Strainis** pose together.
2. Students wait to get in line to walk in the Grand March before prom commences.
3. Senior **Mona Sehgal**, junior **Aaron King**, senior **Archita Vohra**, and junior **Joel Suchak** pose while waiting for the Grand March.
4. Seniors **Carli Meihofer**, **Julia Sargent**, **Madeline Buls**, **Sarah Beischer**, and **Mary Jancovich** get a quick picture before the dance.



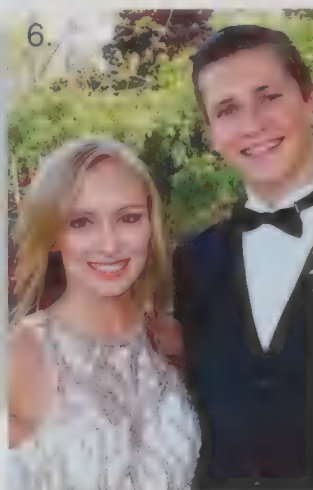
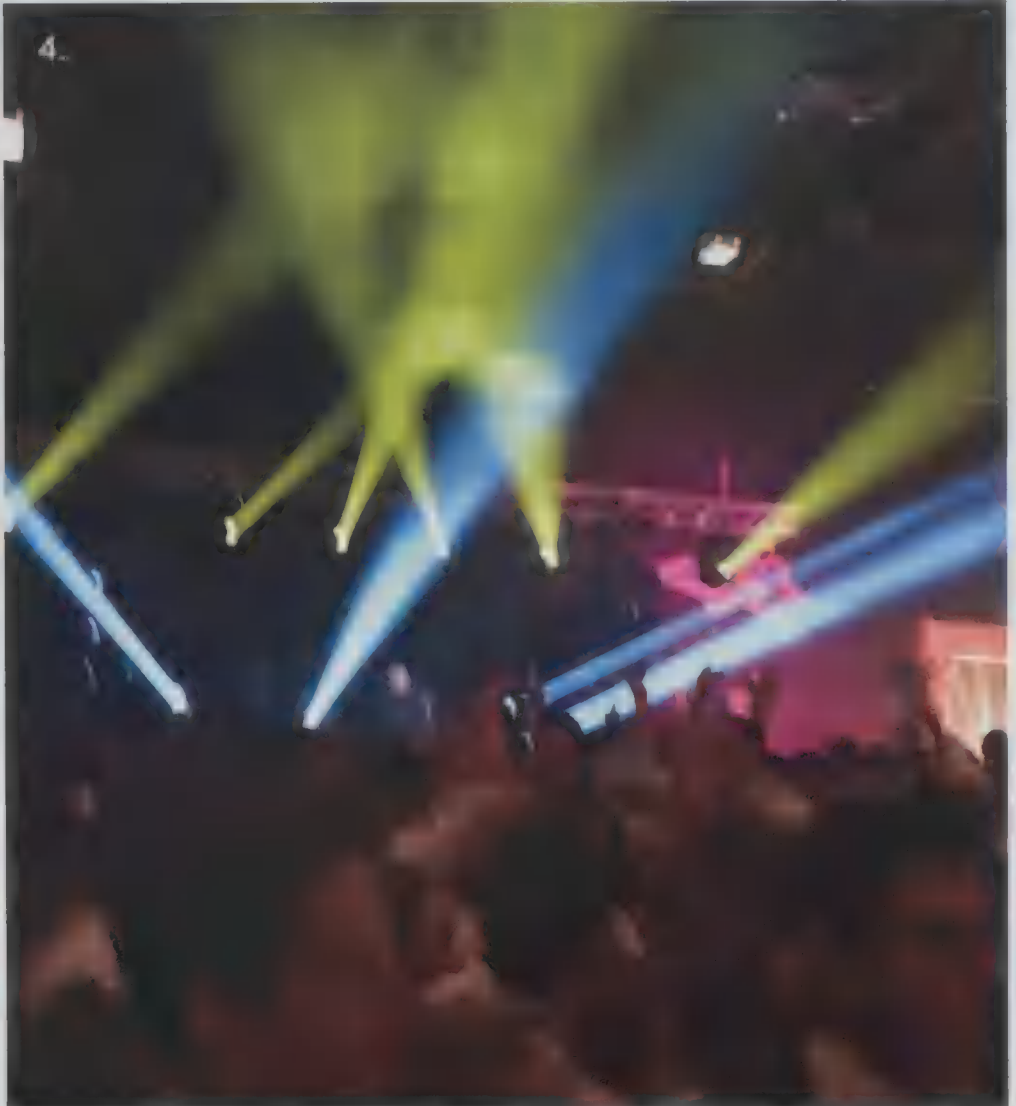
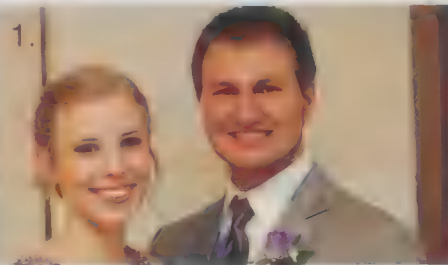




## Interview

Senior **Brooke Fullenkamp** was one of the many seniors in attendance for this year's prom. Upon being asked, she could not pinpoint her favorite part of the evening, but getting ready in preparation for the dance and seeing her friends and fellow classmates all dressed up at the Grand March were "led" as being the best parts.

"Prom this year was a blast. I'm so glad I went," she said. "I have been looking forward to prom all year, and it did not disappoint!"



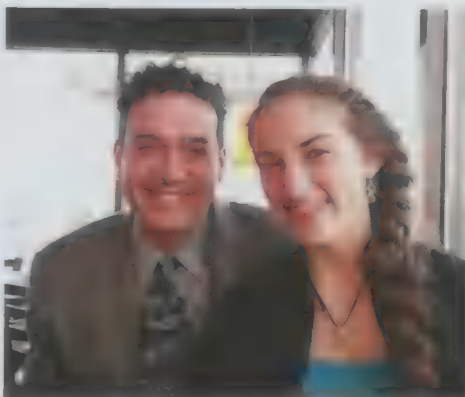
1. Seniors **Kimberly Clausen** and **Michael Girman**
2. A group poses for a quick photo before their prom dinner.
3. Sophomore **Rachel Reilly** and junior **Austin Ford**
4. Lights seen from the DJ booth filled the dance floor.
5. Sophomore **Kayla Ferrari** and junior **Annie Clark**
6. Seniors **Evann Galloway** and **Camden Davison**



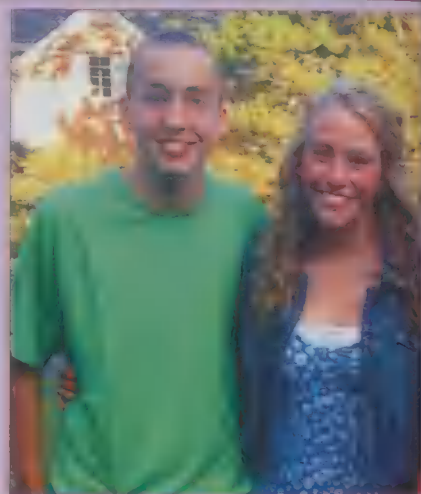
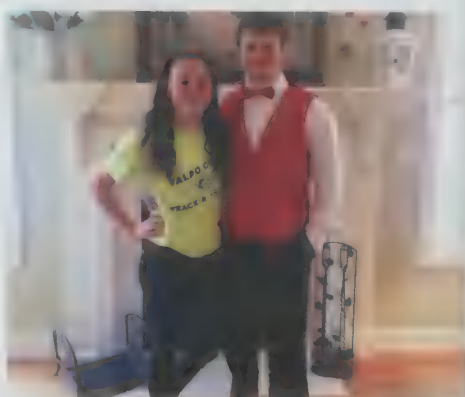
# Relationships

Here at Valparaiso High School, there are many different relationships among students and faculty. We tried to show some of the types of relationships, from cousins to couples to siblings, that we have here at VHS.

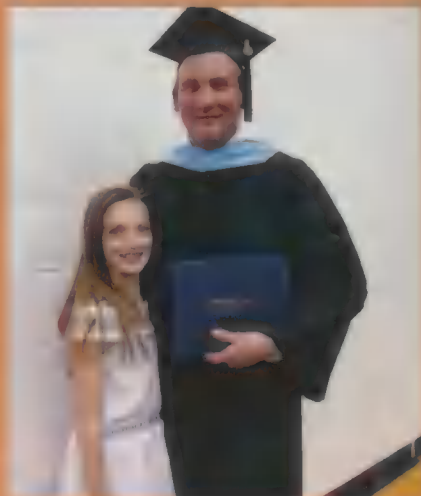
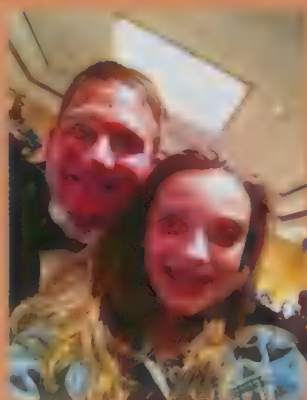
**Olivia** (sophomore) and her dad **Miguel Rosario** (band teacher) enjoy some coffee in the morning before school.



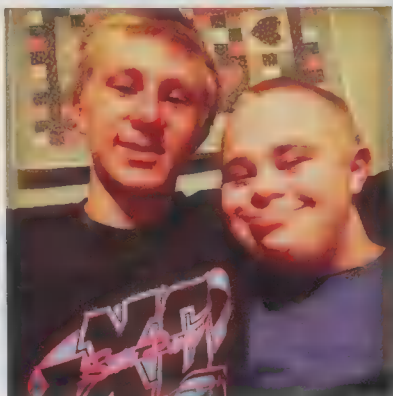
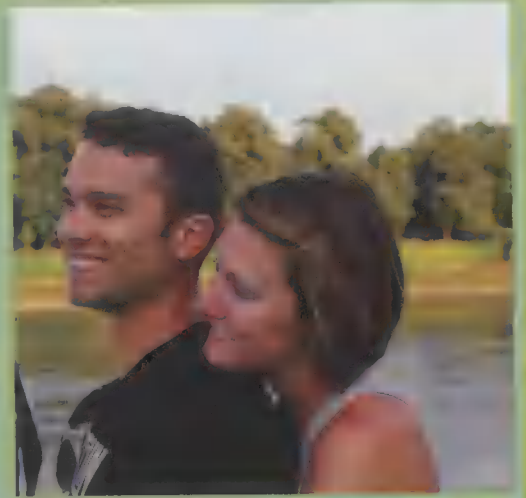
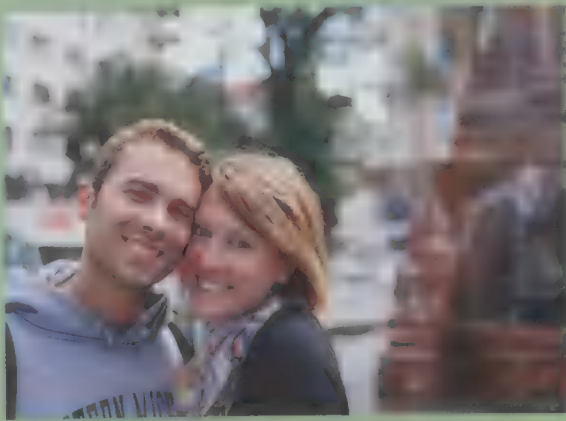
**Collin** (senior) and **Madeline** (freshman) **Vinyard** take a picture before a dance.



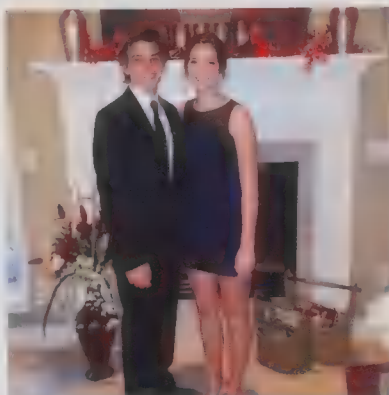
Julia and Dr. Reid Simones







Brothers **Logan** (junior) and **Shane** (sophomore) **Meeter** take a selfie.



Cousins **Anne** (junior) and **Jack** (junior) **Clark** take a family photo before homecoming.



Juniors **Sam** and **John Nowosad** enjoy vacationing together.



Seniors **Grace Withrow** and **JP Kunze** take a picture at the fall sports picture day.

# "Also Known As"

*Here are a few things you may not have known about these unique students*



*Jonathan Zygmunt, 11*



*Elizabeth Larrabee, 11*



*Lillian Conner, 11*

**Full Name:** Jonathan Mark Zygmunt

**Interesting Facts:** "I am mulitracial (1/2 white, 1/2 Filipino), I am part of the Track and Field and Cross Country teams at VHS, and I love learning about real estate development."

**Dream Job:** Real Estate Developer/ City Planner in Merrillville, Indiana

**Odd Talents:** "I have been blessed with the ability to memorize random facts on various subjects."

**Hobbies:** Track and Field, real estate development, motivational speaking

**Something most people don't know about me:** "I want to live in Merrillville, Indiana, because of its vast diversity of race, religion and culture."

**Full Name:** Elizabeth Kathryn Larrabee, AKA Lizzie

**Interesting Facts:** "I have around 10 different voices, and I'm working on more!"

**Dream Job:** "As of right now, an animator, a writer or even a voice actor!"

**Odd Talents:** "I can spit straight from my salivary glands sometimes. I also have indestructable bones until proven otherwise."

**Hobbies:** Voice acting, drawing

**Full Name:** Lillian Alyssum Conner

**Interesting Facts:** "I love TV shows and movies from the 50s and 60s."

**Dream Job:** Model and a few acting jobs

**Odd Talents:** "Along with making a spot on goat noise, I can do a decent Janice impersonation from 'Friends'."

**Hobbies:** Modeling, photography, biking, rollerblading, playing fetch with her cat

**Something people don't know about me:** "I am the best worst dancer."





*Anthony Sanchez, 12*



*Victor Peres, 10*



*Jacob Roach, 12*

**Full Name:** Anthony Frank Sanchez, AKA Tonae

**Interesting Facts:** Honored 12 times by Visual Supply Company

**Dream Job:** Senior Curator at VSCO or President of the United States

**Hobbies:** Photography, mixed media arts, Instagram obsessed

**Something people don't know about me:** "I'm very into politics and human rights."

**Full Name:** Victor William Peres

**Interesting Facts:** "Both of my parents are from Brazil, and I lived there for 5 years. Also, 'Limbo' is my jam, and I can cook 1 minute rice in 57 seconds."

**Dream Job:** Illustrator

**Odd Talents:** "I can easily balance a light switch between on and off, and I am a gifted air guitarist."

**Hobbies:** Art, "The Office"

**Something people don't know about me:** "I've seen 'The Office' 6 times, and I am Hannah Montana. Also, I was the 2006 Time Magazine Person of the Year."

**Full Name:** Jacob Allen Roach

**Interesting Facts:** "I have 11 different types of deodorants for different occasions."

**Dream Job:** Rock star president space man

**Hobbies:** Long walks on the beach, diving, pottery, intramural sports

**Something people don't know about me:** "I am a karaoke god."



# All Around the World

## *Travel Broadens Horizons*

Many VHS students travel constantly, whether it be globally or maybe just a state over. From Michigan to Montenegro, they have truly covered the globe this year, with family or with friends, as well as on school-sponsored trips, including a trip to Spain with the Spanish Program, to Germany with the German program, and to Florida with the Marine Biology program. The point of all of the school-sponsored trips is to enhance learning with real life evidence and examples, as well as to add fun to the learning process.

### MARINE BIOLOGY TRIP - KEY LARGO, FLORIDA

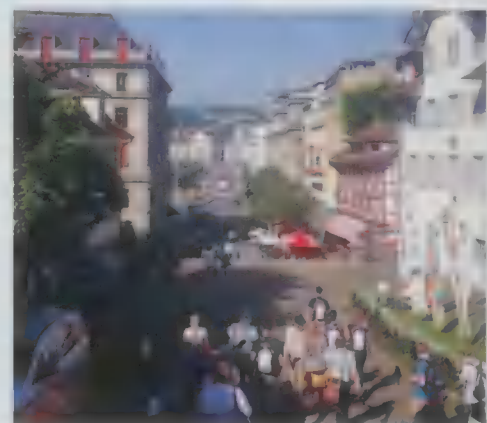
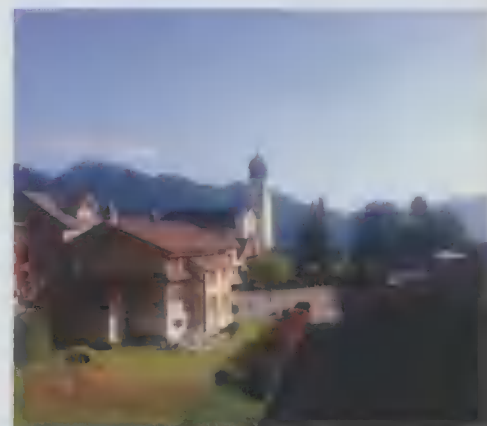
Part of an underwater coral reef students saw off the coast of Key Largo, Fla., as part of the marine biology trip led by teacher **Dave Coyle**.



Seniors **Ben Leetz** and **Samuel Douglas** stand and listen intently with junior **Malerie Mech** to an instructor at MarineLab, where they learned about the various types of sea life.



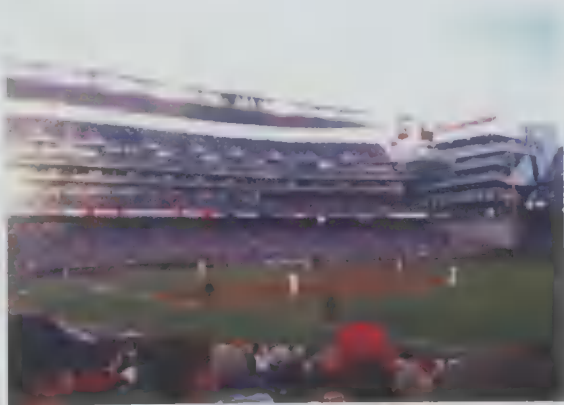
Seniors **Emmy Chojecki** and **Lauren Biesen** collaborate together on one of the student-led experiments.



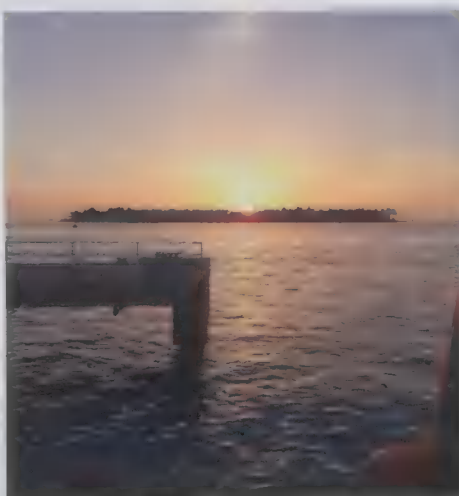
### GERMAN TRIP 2014 - EUROPE

The German trip involved travel to Germany as well as surrounding countries, including many breathtaking views along the way. Junior **Eric Hess** posed with senior **Ian Norris** on a hilltop overlooking a bay.

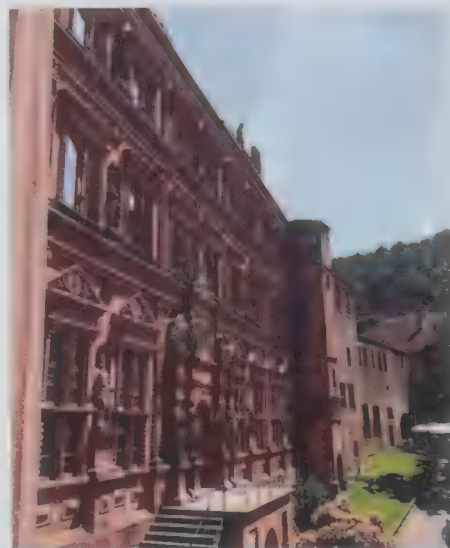




Junior **Jakob Bryan** sits with his step-brother, former VHS alumnus Jeff Samardzija, in the player parade at the MLB all-star game in Minneapolis, Minn.



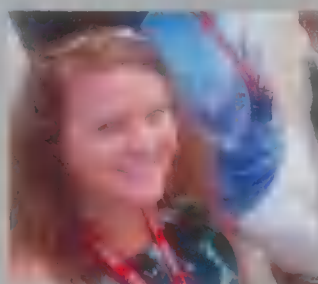
Sophomore **Marissa Cavanaugh** shows the sunset from a beach in New Buffalo, Michigan.



Senior **Alexa Mason** highlights her trip to Europe, featuring Rome and Belgium



Senior **Evann Grabow** photographed the wondrous landscapes from her trip to Colorado and Wyoming.



## Featured World Traveler

### Lauren Covington - Business Department

Convington was a teacher chaperone for the annual Germany trip, sponsored by the German classes. She chose to go since it was her first opportunity to go to Europe. When asked about her favorite part of the trip, she decided on Lucerne, Switzerland. "Riding a cog car up Mt. Pilatus was my favorite part. The view was absolutely fantastic," Covington said.

Designed by Jack Feltgen



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 72-79 Freshmen  
 80-83 Faculty  
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 88-89 Varsity Football  
 90-91 Junior Varsity/Freshmen Football  
 92-93 Cheerleading/Vikettes  
 94-95 Boys XC  
 96-97 Girls XC  
 98-99 Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer  
 100-101 Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer  
 102-103 Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Tennis  
 104-105 Varsity Volleyball  
 106-107 Junior Varsity/Freshmen Volleyball  
 108-109 Girls Golf  
 110-111 Varsity Boys Basketball  
 112-113 Boys Junior Varsity/Freshmen Basketball  
 114-115 Girls Varsity Basketball  
 116-117 Girls Junior Varsity/Freshmen Basketball  
 118-119 Boys Swimming and Diving  
 120-121 Girls Swimming and Diving  
 122-123 Gymnastics  
 124-125 Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling  
 126-127 Boys Track  
 128-129 Girls Track  
 130-131 Girls Varsity Basketball  
 132-133 Girls Junior Varsity/Freshmen Basketball  
 134-135 Varsity/Junior Varsity Softball  
 136-137 Boys Golf  
 138-139 Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Tennis  
 140-141 Viking Nation  
 142-143 Clubs Intro  
 144-145 A/B Band  
 146-147 Concert/Symphonic Band  
 148-149 Concert Choir/Mixed Chorus  
 150-151 Women's/Men's Chorus  
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 160-161 Student Council/NHS  
 162-163 Earth Awareness/SADD/ASAP/STAND  
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# More than... Enough



Enough is never enough! As the school year of 2014-2015 progressed, the Vikings at Valparaiso High School showed more than enough school spirit. More than enough encompasses much more than a few activities or clubs. More than enough implies that the Valparaiso Vikings always went above and beyond in a plethora of activities that challenged them academically, socially and physically. In this section of the yearbook, you'll see how the student body gave more than enough energy and strength in sports, from football to volleyball to track to tennis. You'll also see how the students showed more than enough talent and character in their work with school clubs like Key Club, STAND, and Speech and Debate and how they displayed more than enough support through the Viking Nation. As you can see, enough is never enough, especially at Valparaiso High School.



# Senior Officers

Ian Norris

Joseph Wichlinski

Annie Keimig



*President*



*Vice President*



*Treasurer*

These students were chosen by their classmates to take on many important responsibilities as the senior class officers. **Ian Norris**, **Joseph Wichlinski**, and **Annie Keimig** worked hard throughout the year to relay their ideas and opinions throughout the senior class and student council. These students attended meetings and organized plans all throughout the year. They had a very busy year, putting forth their best efforts to effectively portray leadership and accomplish tasks that pulled together not only our senior class but also our entire school and community.



JP Kunze



Kathryn Bower

Senior officers and student council go hand in hand. Although not senior officers, **Kathryn Bower** and **JP Kunze** still had a lot of responsibilities and tasks as president and vice president of Student Council. They attended weekly meetings and helped to organize events and fundraisers. They took on the responsibility of voicing the needs, wants and concerns of the senior class and other students to the administration. They were also responsible for promoting school spirit and organizing or initiating school events.



1. You wake up for school at:

- a. 6:30
- b. 6:30
- c. 7:00

2. Your schedule consists of:

- a. All AP classes
- b. Some meaningful classes, some electives
- c. You have a lax schedule and leave after second period

3. When you get home from school, you:

- a. Get homework
- b. Take a nap, then do homework
- c. Take a nap, eat, and then go to bed

4. Your Pre-Cal/Calc grade is:

- a. A/B
- b. C
- c. D/F

# What type of senior are you?

5. When your teacher assigns homework, you:

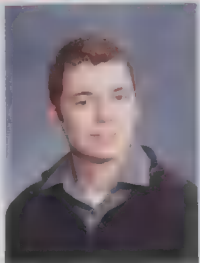
- a. Smile
- b. Sigh miserably
- c. Sigh

**Mostly A's:** You are an exceptional senior! There has been no change in mindset over the past 3 years. You are a teacher's dream.

**Mostly B's:** You are the average senior. While you are extremely indifferent, you still find a way to do what you need to do.

**Mostly C's:** You are an overly-relaxed senior. You don't do much homework, your mind is always elsewhere, and all you want is to be there.

Designed by Dylan Williams



Douglas Abraham  
Maximilian Abraham  
Brianna Adam  
Colin Ahearn  
Emily Ahrendt  
Samaah Al-Najjar

"Today is good. Today is fun. Tomorrow is another one."  
-Dr. Seuss

"The roof may not be my seat, but I will still raise it."



Madelyn Alfredson  
Curtis Allen  
Saturnino Alvarez-Garcia  
Oliver Ames  
Alissa Anselm  
Jose Apolo

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."  
-Vivian Greene

"Something deep in my character tells me to take hits and win with trying to win."  
-Lionel Messi



Austin Arias  
Kirstie Ashton  
Hailee Atkins  
Alexander August  
Katelyn Ayers  
Patrick Azar

"If any of you have any thing at all, too bad! Deal with your problems yourselves like adults."  
-Ron Swanson

"THIS IS PATRICK!!"  
-Patrick Star



Emily Ball  
Timmyka Ballard-Phillips  
Daniel Barajas  
Dustin Barnett  
Kalei Barrett  
Bryce Bartolomeo

"The most wanted of all days is the day without neighbors."  
-L.L. Plummer

"I feel like I'm not really writing history to read it."  
-Katie West

"I'm a goofy grober. YEAH!"  
-SpongeBob

"Mrs. Puff can be excused for the rest of my life."  
-SpongeBob



Abigail Barton  
Drake Barton  
Haleigh Batey  
Evan Bauer  
Reyna Bauer  
Sarah Beischer



"Adventure is out there!"  
-Phineas

"If you could set up  
experiences for what they cost  
us, we'd all be millionaires."  
-Abigail Van Buren

"The problem is not the  
problem. The problem is your  
attitude about the problem.  
Do you understand?"  
-Captain Jack Sparrow

"I don't mean like getting ahead  
grades. I just do it because  
my mom said we would buy  
the house."  
-Sarah Beischer

Brett Bejna  
Gabriele Bengs  
Kathryn Berger  
Guy Bernhardt  
Michael Bezotte  
Lauren Biesen



"To stop the flow of music  
would be like stopping of  
time itself. Incredible and  
inconceivable."  
-Aaron Copland

"VHS is a fine place and  
worth fighting for, and I hate  
very much to leave it."

"Do I have dimples?"  
-Michael Bezotte

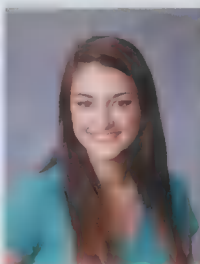
"Lauren Biesen's so hot."  
-Everyone

Kelly Bigger  
Katelyn Bishop-Smith  
Kyle Blakeley  
Madeline Blaney  
Daniel Blessing  
Victoria Blossom



"Two experiences in one's  
lifetime are enough. It is what  
you do with the gift of life that  
determines who you are."  
-Mewtwo

Stephanie Bohn  
Jaime Bollinger  
Kaitlyn Bond  
Nathan Bongard  
Kaitlyn Bontrager  
Nicholas Boubourekas



"Don't tell me I'm famous and  
making \$100,000."  
-FAME

"A new master is discovered  
student."  
-Manderly

"You girls are awesome. I  
humble. I like you. Girl  
power! Sisters before  
misters."  
-Bumper (Pitch Perfect)

Kathryn Bower  
Trenton Bowman  
Jarod Bradley  
Matthew Brennecke  
Robert Brent  
Gabriel Brewer



"Don't cry because it's over,  
smile because it happened."  
-Beyonce

"I'm a procrastinator. I  
just prefer doing things in a  
deadline-induced manner."

Taylor Briel  
Katherine Brogan  
Amber Brown  
Gabrielle Brown  
Kyle Brown  
Shannon Brown



"If you don't have your best  
friend, someone will love you.  
Someone really loves you."  
-Anna Taylor

"Happiness can be found  
even in the darkest of times, if  
one only remembers to turn  
on the light."  
-J.R. Rowling





"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work - a company work - a civilization work - a nation work - a world work - a universe work."  
- Lombard



"Life is tough. It is even tougher when you are stupid."  
- Martin Luther King Jr.



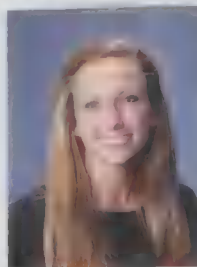
"Through others we become ourselves."  
- Marina and the Diamonds



"Spend a little time trying to make something of yourself and a little time trying to help someone else."  
- The Group (Facebook)



Tyler Brown  
Devon Brownson  
Eric Budzielek  
Madeline Buls  
Corydon Caldwell  
Lorand Calumpang



"If you can't handle me at my worst, you don't deserve me at my best."  
- Mandy Moore



Mackenzie Canavan  
Lauren Caputo  
Joseph Carbello  
Hannah Carl  
Anthony Carpenter  
Mckenzie Carpenter



"I couldn't wait to be king."  
- The Lion King

"The hard way isn't always through."  
- Robert Frost

Alfonso Casaday  
Anthony Castanon  
Emily Catlin  
Fisher Cherechinsky  
Nicole Chiabai  
Emily Chojecki



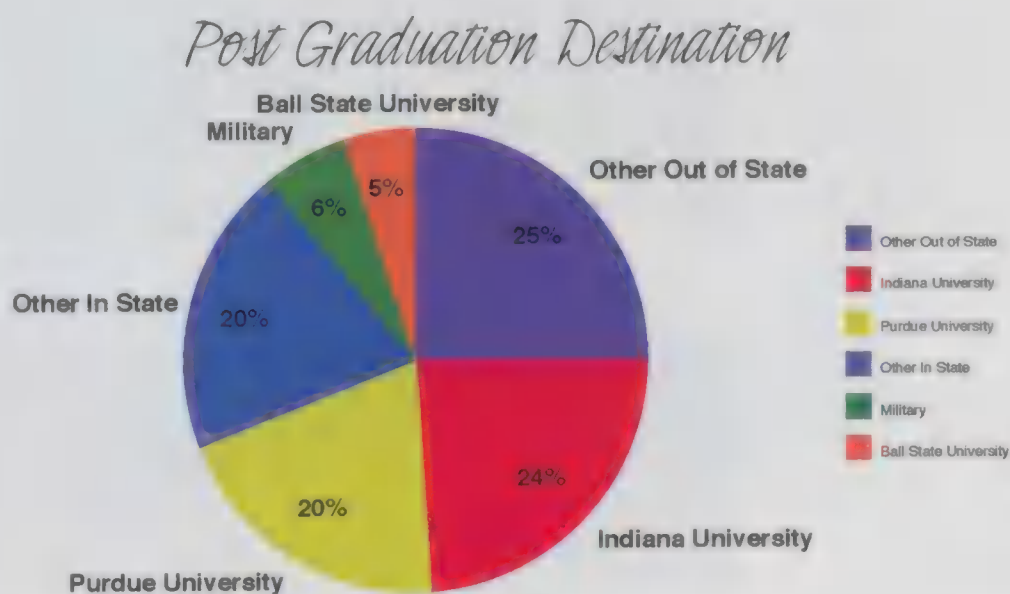
"I'm naturally this tan."  
- Self

"People always suggest more of you when you look naturally curvy hair."  
- Freida from "Peanuts"

"Intense, but 100% responsible."  
- Only girls  
- Reputation: Bad Girl  
- Best friend:

Jessica Clark  
Kimberly Clausen  
Mary Cobble  
Brianna Collins  
Hannah Collins  
Samantha Coryell

# The Final Decision



\*Source: Poll of 100 VHS seniors

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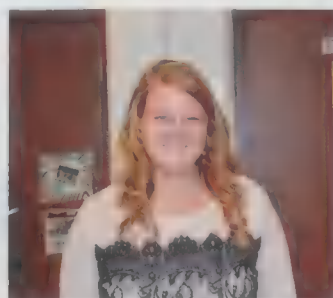


# A Few of Our Favorite Teachers

A poll taken of 100 seniors asking "Who is your favorite teacher?" came up with these results: three fun, outgoing and comical teachers (and one snake).



**Brett Polizotto**



**Lauren Covington**



**Jake Plesac**

Designed by Jake Wild

Rachel Coslet  
Julia Couch  
Galen Coulopoulos  
Nathan Courtaney  
Olivia Crawford  
Livia Crim



"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done."  
-Julia Bui



"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."  
-Dr. Seuss



"Instead of criticism: The reception will be held in each of our individual rooms."  
-Rita Newington



"Excuse us while we ting to the sky."  
-21 Pints



"Lose yourself and grow in the beauty as it flows."  
-Ismael "Butterfly" Butler



Jamarius Croft  
Maevie Crowley  
Matthew Cruz  
Luke Cummings  
Evan Curry  
Sean Curtis



"When life gives you lemons, you sell some of your grandpa's jewelry and get a lobster."  
-Mr. Superdick



"Can't hear you over my phone."  
-Jade



"I'm a twin sister, but so what? I'm still hot."  
-Bella White



"When life gives you lemons, you become a MLG Pro Quick Snapper."  
-Kameron Lopez



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Kimberly Czerwinski  
Mackenzie D'Aloisio  
Makenzie D'Elia  
Julia Dalton  
Princess Daniels-Porter  
Angela Darrol



"I'm, please don't contact me after high school."  
-Julia Dalton



"Everyone is replaceable."  
-Abby Lee Miller



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Anna Davis  
Camden Davison  
Carly De Kock  
Lindsey Deboer  
Michael Deedrick  
Erin Delahunty



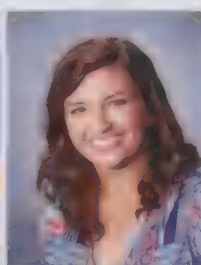
"When I get lost, I stop doing and find the awesome instead."  
-Tara Story



"I'm, please don't contact me after high school."  
-Julia Dalton



"Stay true in the dark and humble in the spotlight."  
-Harold Lee



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Dominique DePippo  
Makaila Devaney  
Antonio Diaz  
Jonathon Dickens  
Brendon Ditto  
Taylor Dixon

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more things you'll be."  
-Dr. Seuss

"Is mayonnaise an instrument?"  
Patrick Star



Kevin Dore  
Samuel Douglas  
Justin Duty  
Caroline Dykes  
Breanna Edquist  
Kaylie Elam

"It's not the dreaming, it's in the doing."  
Mark Cuban

"I hate reading day."  
Sell

"We're not going to be hanging around waiting for something to happen. We're going to make things happen."  
Herb Brooks

"You are stronger than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
-Christopher

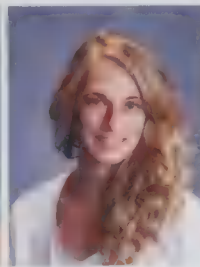


Tyler Ellrich  
Simon Engel  
Katelyn Enos  
Jacob Evan  
Alexandria Evans  
Kassandra Feczko

"Knowledge is power."  
-Animal House

"We just gotta keep going. L+L+L+N. Woodburn. Dazed and Confused."

"Peeper will stare. Make it worth their while."  
Harry Potter



Jack Feltgen  
Emma Ferguson  
Heather Fella  
Steven Fisher  
Andrew Flasch  
Eric Ford

"I'm not good with the advice... Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"  
Chandler Bing on "Friends"

"Did you know he has perfect pitch?"  
Everyone



Ian Fortney  
Adam Foust  
Ethan Frame  
Emily Fredericks  
Travis Fry  
Brooke Fullenkamp

"Don't live your life like there's no tomorrow, that's stupid. Live your life like it's a story that you would want to tell."  
Philip DeFrance



Chase Galipeau  
Meghan Gallagher  
Robert Gallowitch  
Kevin Galvin  
Austin Garbison  
Samantha Garcia

"Due tomorrow, due tomorrow."

"It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become."  
-Dr. Seuss

"Habeas is a virtue."

"I'm a Prince."  
Jason Ventrone



Corey Gardner  
Kayla Gates  
Kristin Geik  
Dustin Geise  
Tyler George  
Juan Gil



"The theme for homecoming is 'The Battle for Middle Earth' about to begin. Gaudal! Lots of fun things."

"Unusually, I'm not a 'Lemony' person."

Rhona Gilliam  
Michael Girman  
Ethan Gniadek  
Jacob Goldsmith  
Brian Gonzalez  
Thomas Gooding



"I wouldn't describe a beach as my pump group. I would rather 'That's the Shred'."

Erin Goodpaster  
Brendon Gornick  
Jennifer Gough  
Evan Grabow  
Molly Gravier  
Rebecca Graykowski



"Veni Vidi Vici Julius Caesar"

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so... get on your way!" Dr. Seuss

"The thing about youth culture is I don't understand it."

"If you like water, you already like 72° at 11:00."

Lauren Griffith  
Sofia Grimsgard  
Joseph Grudzien  
Emily Guenther  
Colton Hall  
Audrey Halsey



"It's not pronounced diabetes."

"She will dare, win."

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." Gandalf the Grey

Brandon Hamill  
Codi Hamilton  
Dewana Hammonds  
Joshua Hanaway  
Brandon Hansen  
Tyler Hansen



"I've taken high school; it's time to take on the world." -Brandon J. Hansen

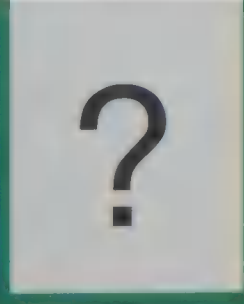
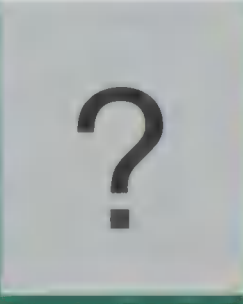
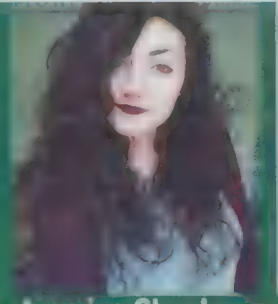
Brock Harris  
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Anthony Heer





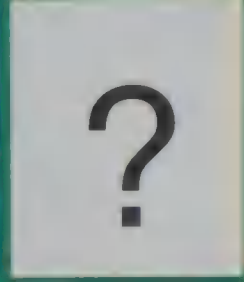
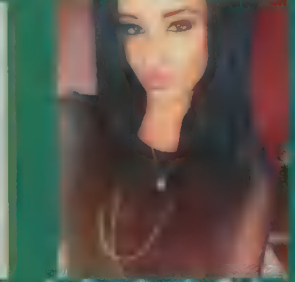
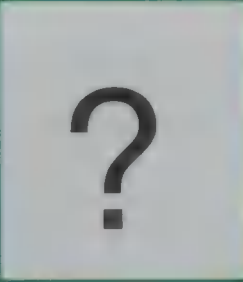
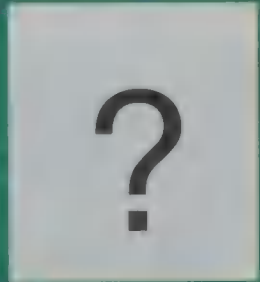
# What celebrities do these students look like?

- A. Prince
- B. Bob Saget
- C. Kim Kardashian
- D. Lorde
- E. Sheen from Jimmy Neutron



1. Jasmine Shughoury

2. Tony Sanchez



3. Fisher Cherechinsky

4. Jake Goldsmith

5. Stephanie Bohn

Answers: C B E A D

Designed by Emma Trost



Bailey Henderlong  
Lyndsay Herbst  
Abigail Herrold  
Kayne Hertaus  
Cara Hescher  
Marin Hilbrich

"Master has given Bailey a diploma. Bailey is FREEEEEEEE!"

"Sometimes all it takes is twenty seconds and insane courage." Benjamin Mac, "We Bought a Zoo"

"Eun!" -Jon "JonJon" Jatan

"Art is to console those who are broken by life." Vincent Van Gogh



Trenton Hill  
William Hines  
Meredith Hite  
Tyler Hodge  
Jeffrey Hofferth  
Cameron Holford

"The girl that is willing to be my last mistake." Frederick Douglass

"One single thought is worth a thousand mindless readings." -Augustine's caustic

"I do may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should dance."



Rachel Hollandsworth  
Sydney Holmes  
Alexander Horb  
Edward Howe  
Simon Hulser  
Zachary Iseminger

"Don't get gentle into that good night." -Dylan Thomas

"Maybe it won't work out. But maybe it will. If it does, it'll be the best adventure ever."

"Ed stole my girl again!" Everyone

"We all have baggage, but some of us board the plane of life with a Gold Cartier."

"Hey, it's not my fault." "Anges at the Butte!"



Mary Jancovich  
Kimberly Jankowski  
Isiah Javier  
Lucia Jiang  
Max Jindra  
Michael Jindra

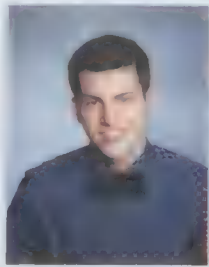
"Where's the nearest Starbucks?"

"Pursue some path, however narrow and crowded, in which you can walk with love and reverence." -Henry Thoreau

"I don't know how to put this but... I'm kind of a big deal." Ron Burgundy



Nicholas Jobbe  
Val Johnson  
Bryce Johnston  
Anna Jones  
Clinton Jones  
Emily Jones



Best is the



"If success comes from the future to destroy, then how bad of a decision was it really?"  
-Alyssa



"Make it your future, make it something that's yours, because that's how everyone will remember you." -Mason



"Don't let the future do what I want to do, I want to do it now."



"Like a wild animal, the future is not powerful to control." -Mason

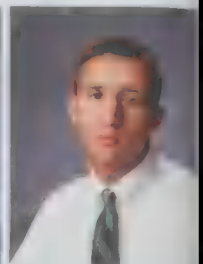
Ian Jones  
Stamatina Kalafatis  
Abeer Kamran  
Christian Karcher  
Andrew Kay  
Maxwell Keating



"We live and breathe words. It was books that made me feel that perhaps I was not completely alone."  
-Cassandra Galt



"Look older in person. I promise."  
-Andy Kay



"As a futurist... Nobody is ever going to care until I'm gone. So don't even matter." -Mason

Meara Keen  
Jacqueline Keenan  
Ann Keimig  
Luma Khabbaz  
Marnee Kirkpatrick  
Jacob Knoblock



"Love always wins. Kindness always prevails and smiles always triumph."  
-The Universe



"I used to think anyone doing anything weird was weird. Now I know that it is the people that call others weird that are weird."  
-Paul McCartney



"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you greater than any obstacle."  
-Jonathan Larson



"As long as you're breathing, it's never too late to do something good."  
-Maya Angelou



"Don't compare your path with anybody else's. Your path is unique to you."  
-Ram Dass



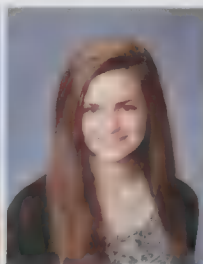
Kurt Kohler  
Marc Koleff  
Tristan Kollar  
Emilie Kostecka  
Taylor Kovats  
Zachary Kroll



"You are not defined by the outside; you possess it. The greatest strength is your own. And what defines you is how you obtain them."  
-Lupin



"Travels, beauty, romance, love. These are what we stay alive for."  
-John Keating, Dead's Poets Society



"We are not free."  
-Adam Carolla

## Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



**Maeve Crowley**

"I ideally see myself working in the environmental sector of the Federal Government."



**Marissa Toren**

"I see myself at Schoop's."



**Elvin Uthuppan**

"I see myself at Google developing exciting technology for the future and competing in the show 'Ninja Warrior.'"



**Keegan Whaling**

"I see myself living in the woods with a wooden foot."





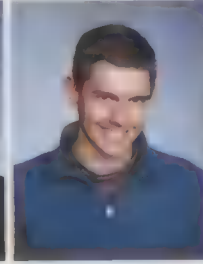
John Kunze  
Anna Kurtz  
Sarah Labarbera  
Rebecca Lackey  
Nathan Lavelle  
Megan Lawrence

"When's this idea?"  
-Anna Kurtz

"And only people who matter  
at the exact time we need  
them, who will lift our spirit or  
put a smile on our face."  
-Josh Turner

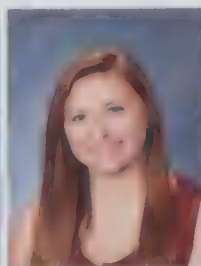
"People don't truly die when  
they are forgotten."

"There's more to life than to  
the 1000 reasons."



Benjamin Leetz  
Matthew Leetz  
Andrew Lehen  
Kimberly Leitzow  
Shelby Lemmon  
Nathan Letnich

"It's better to be hated for  
what I am than to be loved  
for what I am not."  
-Andre Gide



Joshua Leverich  
Peyton Lind  
Erica Lindy  
Jiang Liu  
Meghan Lomas  
Raine Lubinski

"Who you are and what  
you feel, because those who  
mind don't matter and those  
who matter don't mind."  
-Dr. Seuss

"And those who were seen  
dancing were thought to be  
insane by those who could not  
hear the music."  
-Friedrich Nietzsche



Sophie Lutz  
Emily Lynch  
Brooke Lyons  
Kelly Lyp  
Diamosha Magee  
Zaid Mahmoud

"I write my own quotes.  
Except this one. I obviously  
took this from somebody  
really clever."  
-Brian Gelo

"You miss 100% of the shots  
you don't take."  
-Wayne Gretzky

"My locker is jammed. Turn  
your nose at it."  
-Kelly P

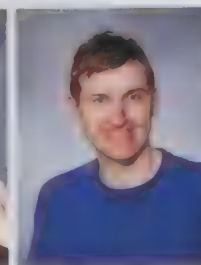


Julia Manion  
Charles Marrell  
Nicholas Martin  
Selena Martinez  
Nicole Maslanka  
Alexa Mason

"The only time I see the bar  
low is for limbo."  
-Michael Scott

"I feel like I know where I'm  
going. And I like where I'm  
going."  
-Neil Patrick Harris

"I know who I am. I know  
where I'm headed. The fire  
within me will not lose sight  
of the light."  
-Myself



Stephen Massa  
Valentina Matavuli  
Hailey Mathews  
Louis Matisko  
Matthew May  
Emma Mazurek

"The closer the Lord,  
closer is Jesus."



Taylor McBride  
Jasmine McCarron  
Dovie McCorkel  
Haley McDowell  
Edie McGoldrick  
Liam McGrath



"Even the strongest person  
can't change the course of the  
future." - Alexander from *Lord  
of the Rings*

"May the world embrace the  
and may the sun and moon  
and the stars and the young  
of today, carry you in  
dance with the stars."  
-George Lopez

"Great for me!"  
-Arnold Schwarzenegger

Amanda McIntyre  
David McLean  
Ireland McLinn  
Carli Meihofer  
Paige Mekola  
Aaron Melendez



"We shall see."

"Don't let the fear of striking  
out keep you from getting the  
ball." -  
-Cinderella Story

"Man cannot live by bread  
alone, but bread does have  
a great power."  
-James Garfield

"You are the things you  
choose to paint."

Jose Mendoza  
Margaret Meyer  
Breanna Michaels  
Morgan Mikenas  
Cylie Miller  
Emily Miller



"Stay around there."  
-Mr. Pigeon

"Be who you are and say what  
you feel, because those who  
mind don't matter. As those  
who matter don't mind."  
-Dr. Seuss

"No, I'm not Rushelle."

"Those who see  
beautiful things in humble  
people are nothing."  
-Camille Pissarro

Kara Miller  
Marisa Miller  
Rushelle Miller  
Samuel Miller  
Jacob Mills  
Niko Mireles



"So we look on, birds around  
the sunset, some back  
down, some into the past."  
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

"I can't, I can't practice."  
-Rushelle Miller

"Every day is a day to  
be a day." -Yadier Molina

"Having fun isn't fun when  
you're in a library."  
-Arthur

"Never, Jake."  
-Niko Mireles

Carter Mitchell  
Jenna Mitchell  
Maximilian Mockus  
Megan Molnar  
Hannah Monk  
Jacob Moore



"Good enough."

"I am speechless. I am  
without speech." -George  
Costanza - Seinfeld

Emily Morris  
Stamatis Moundoulas  
Samuel Mueller  
Kimberly Mullins  
Kathleen Mulroe  
Alison Mundell



"I saw, I conquered."  
-Julius Caesar





Ryan Murdock  
Abigail Mwaura  
Jamie Naccarato  
Margaret Nagai  
Rachael Neinast  
Rainer Neis

"Our children may learn from the heroes of the past. Our duty is to make ourselves the artifacts of the future."  
-Jomo Kenyatta

"Cheese is life."

"Life is tough, but it's tougher if you're stupid."  
-John Wayne

"Master of the game is the master of the diploma."  
-Rachael is treeeee

"I'm surrounded by idiots."  
-Scar from 'The Lion King'

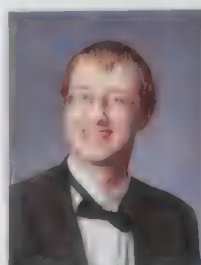


Anthony Nelson  
Carmen Nelson  
Joseph Nelson  
Jeffrey Neumeier  
Brandon Nicholas  
Marisa Nigrelli-German

"Copy and paste, Copy and paste."  
-Timothy Henderson

"It takes a dreamer to desire to keep going and determination to finish."  
-Eddie Harris, Jr.

"I'm going to succeed. I can do more than anyone else can. I can do more than anyone else."  
-Jim Rohn

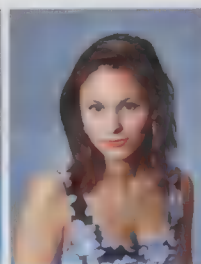
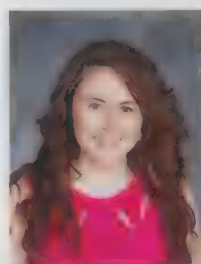


Micah Nord  
Ian Norris  
Marko Novakocic  
Mark Oglesby  
Christina Oliver  
Courtney Orr

"I'm not today, but look at me tomorrow."  
-Blood I

"This is the rise of the everywhere."  
-Nick Drake

"I'm not today, but look at me tomorrow."  
-Blood I



Ruby Ortiz  
Samuel Ortiz  
Katherine Osby  
Kyle Otte  
Emily Owen  
Riley Owens

"Dear people, I'm not today, but look at me tomorrow."  
-Blood I

"I'm not today, but look at me tomorrow."  
-Blood I

"I'm not today, but look at me tomorrow."  
-Blood I

# Walkin' In a Winter Wonderland



Every year around the holiday season, the seniors bring in bundles of lights, garland, wrapping paper and other decorations to adorn the halls. Students of all grade levels enjoy walking to class in the festive halls. "It was a lot of fun hanging up lights and decorating lockers with wrapping paper, and I feel like it really got me and everyone else in the Christmas spirit," senior Ireland McLinn said.

Designed by Allison Page





All of the Mr. VHS participants come together in a circle at the end of the pageant's opening skit.

Pageant winner **Isiah Javier** is crowned.



# Mr. VHS

Mr. VHS is an annual "beauty pageant" that allows senior boys to compete with each other for the title of Mr. VHS. The class of 2015 winner was **Isiah Javier**. Javier had nothing but good things to say about the experience.

"It's a good time to be around the people you're graduating with. I wouldn't trade it for anything. It was that much fun," said Mr. VHS.

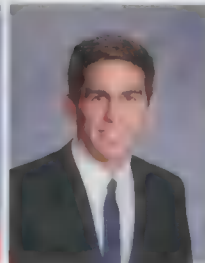


Participant **Justin Starns** raps during his talent portion.



**Ryan Wagenblast** dresses as a Viking warrior during the pageant.

Paolo Padilla  
Bradley Palinca  
Jacob Pancek  
Stephanie Parker  
Andrew Paul  
Gerardo Perez



"All we have to decide is what to do with the time given to us."  
-J.R.R. Tolkien

"I just like smiling, smiling is my favorite."  
-Ruddy the Elf

Alex Peterschmidt  
Kai Piazza  
Joseph Pimentel  
Hannah Pixley  
Katherine Ploetz  
Jonathan Poholarz



"Kevin is the closest thing to Prince Charming to me."  
-Kai Piazza

"Don't give up. You've still got people to prove wrong."  
-Joe Pimentel

"I didn't come here to make friends. I came here to be America's Next Top Model."  
-Unknown

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."  
-Albert Einstein

Nicholas Pontrelli  
Ethan Pony  
Allison Poole  
Stephanie Prahlow  
Michael Pupillo  
Austin Puszczewicz



"That's a lot of fish."  
-Dr. Talopoulos

Jared Rafferty  
Daniel Ranegar  
Lauren Rarity  
Alexander Rastovski  
Olivia Rausei  
Alex Raynor



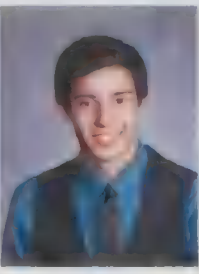
"You'll miss every shirt you didn't take."  
-Mr. D

"No, it's not a perm."  
-Lauren Rarity

"Geology isn't a real science!"  
-Sheldon Cooper, B.S., M.S., M.A., Ph.D., Sc.D.

"Chris... Cleveland!"  
-LeBron James





Aleksa Reed  
Jacob Reid  
Nicholas Remijan  
Ryan Reynolds  
Connor Rhein  
Monica Richel

"You can't let a bad moment spoil a bunch of good ones."  
-Dale Earnhardt Sr.

"The adventure is what you make it."  
-Travis Rice

"The only thing holding yourself back is the (bogus) story you tell yourself every morning."  
-Wolli Wall Street

"Our dreams are true if we make the most of them."  
-Disney

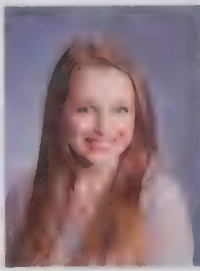


Rebecca Riley  
Nikola Ristic  
Dax Ritter  
Elizabeth Rivich  
Anthony Rizza  
Jacob Roach

"You're a towel."  
-Towelie

"Leave your stupid comments in your pocket."  
-Johnny (Tommy Wiseau)

"I'm absolutely, 100 percent, not guilty."  
-O.J. Simpson



Cassidy Robinson  
Rebecca Roe  
Jacqueline Rogers  
Joshua Rogers  
William Rollings  
Renee Romanowski

"Sometimes it's about risking everything for a dream no one else has but you."

"To me, it would be a truly big adventure."  
-Peter Pan

"If you know something I know, I'm going to tell it."  
-Yogi Berra



Jaquelyn Roschek  
Nathen Rose  
Benjamin Rosiar  
Justin Rospond  
Morgan Rowe  
Alexandra Runnion

"Our greatest weakness is giving up. The certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."  
-Thomas A. Edison

"I'd love to wear this shirt."

"You catch a lot of flies with honey, but you catch more flies being fly."

"Fall in love with your life."



Donnell Sails  
Anthony Sanchez  
Fernanda Sanchez  
Claire Sanders  
Zoe Sanders  
Nicholas Santmyre



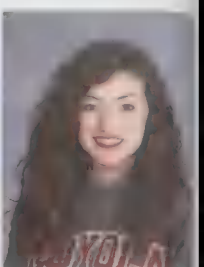
Kevin Scannell  
Robert Schenck  
Benjamin Schmidt  
Alexis Schroeder  
Blake Schroeder  
Taylor Segally

"The light inside is broken but I can work."  
-Vending Machine

"The greatest thing is to be able to love."



Mona Sehgal  
Julia Sergent  
Caroline Shaw  
Kristal Sherbondy  
Ciara Sherer  
Jasmine Shughoury



"I want to thank my parents for everything. I hope to have a successful future in business and finance." -Timothy

"What if I fail? I'll just try again. What if I fail? I'll just try again." -Chris Hansen

"When things start to happen, don't worry. Don't show your right hand. Your left hand will know." -Dr. Seuss

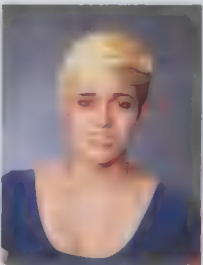
Claire Simon  
Ella Simon  
Jacob Simon  
Breauna Simpson  
Emily Singer  
Camille Sisk



"You are the only one who can't see." -Wayne Gretzky

"If somebody ever asks you to do something, do it. It's bad to be the only one to do it." -Pam Hill

Tristan Slavin  
Hailey Smith  
Rachel Smith  
Dominic Snemis  
Alexzander Spiess  
Samantha Stanford



"Knowledge is good."

Kylie Staples  
Peter Stark  
Justin Starns  
Jonathan Steiner  
Storm Stevenson  
Jacob Stewart



"When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you will be successful." -Eric Thomas

Logan Stewart  
Timi Stiscak  
Anthony Stout  
Randall Strainis  
Jaylin Straughter  
Riley Sunday



"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." -Edmund Burke

"You are a work in progress, which means you get there a little at a time, not all at once." -Liz

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." -Ferns Bueller

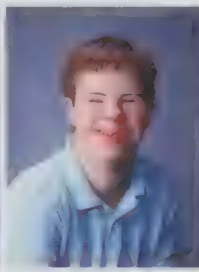
Ian Suttles  
Austin Taber  
Ashley Thomas  
Erin Thomas  
Mallory Thomas  
Allison Thome



"Your team makes me unstoppable." -Christiano Ronaldo

"That's me!" -Beyonce





Holly Thompson  
Stephen Thorne  
Zachary Timmons  
Benjamin Timpe  
Nicholas Tkach  
Marissa Toren

"It was day the speed killers  
do not cry, because I was  
smiling."  
-Paul Walker

"When you look at the world,  
I'll tell you, looking at it from  
the other side, it's a completely  
different world."  
-Andy Dwyer



Noah Traut  
Viktoriya Trenkinshu  
Cassandra Trost  
Shannon Tucker  
Kayla Turley  
Erin Turner

"I and no one else can  
love it like this."  
-Lover, Not a Stranger

"Some days, you're the  
strongest, you're the bravest, you're the  
best."  
-Max, Shrek



Joel Uban  
Elvin Uthuppan  
Jacob Vargas  
Miranda Velasquez  
Collin Vinyard  
Archita Vohra

"The point of a journey is not  
to arrive. Rush."

"Happiness thrives where  
pain is abundant,  
for goodness is in abundance."

"The curse of life is the curse  
of death, and as you peer into  
the light, you see the answers."  
-Ancient Dragon

"Goodbye, everyone. I  
remember you all in therapy."  
-Plankton



Talia Vukovich  
Ryan Wagenblast  
Noah Walker  
Brian Wall  
Jacob Wallace  
Emily Walsh

"All we have to decide is what  
to do with the time that is  
given to us."  
-Gandalf the Grey

"Time passes, people move.  
Like a river's flow, it never  
ends. A childish mind will turn  
to noble ambition."  
-Shrek

"Looking forward to having  
to ask which President  
Clinton you mean."  
-Seth Bringham

# Top 10's of 2014-2015:

## Movies:

1. American Sniper
2. Birdman
3. The Imitation Game
4. The Interview
5. Interstellar
6. Kingsman: The Secret Service
7. Gone Girl
8. Whiplash
9. Fury
10. John Wick

Source: IMDb

## Songs:

1. Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars
2. Thinking Out Loud by Ed Sheeran
3. Take me to Church by Hozier
4. Blank Space by Taylor Swift
5. Sugar by Maroon 5
6. Lips are Movin' by Meghan Trainor
7. I'm Not the Only One by Sam Smith
8. Jealous by Nick Jonas
9. Shake it off by Taylor Swift
10. Centuries by Fall Out Boy

Source: Billboard

## VHS Reviews:

"Benedict Cumberbatch is so good in 'The Imitation Game' that watching it will make you a better person. You'll lose weight from all of the tears you'll cry—definitely a must see movie!"

-Abigail Barton, 12

"I'm guilty of blasting T-Swift in my car with my friends, but other than that, I'm not impressed with the list. 'Uptown Funk' will always remind me of Mr. Plesac because he loves theater, so he choreographed an amazing dance to it."

-Emily Ball, 12

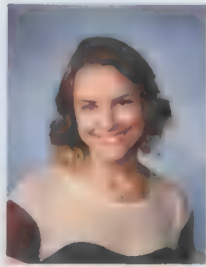


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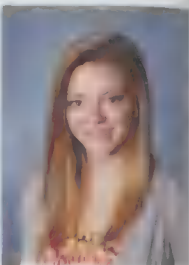
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Joseph Warner  
William Weathersby  
Madelyn Weiler  
Rebecca Weiler  
Margaret Welsh



"Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places." -Margaret Welsh

"Enjoy it. Because it's happening." -Stephen Chbosky

Clinton Welton  
Nathan Westergren  
Ryan Wexelberg  
Keegan Whaling  
Conner White  
Melanie Whittaker



"Everybody is somebody's everything." -Chance the Rapper

"The world pushes us without mercy. When some push, the world points and cries." -Mewtwo

"...and I don't know everyone's name."

Joseph Wichlinski  
Jacob Wild  
Imani Williams  
Devin Wilson  
Hanna Wilson  
Daniel Wimberley



"Samurai is water that's lying about being male." -Ron Swanson

"Always trust me." -Jake Wild

"Picking a quote is harder than choosing an Instagram filter."

Marie Wirsing  
Grace Withrow  
Morgan Wolberclaypool  
Cole Wolf  
Amyla Wooden  
Grayson Woods



"Be a badass!" -Biggie Smalls

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt

"The goals are there, and don't stop till you get there." -Bo Jackson

Dylan Workman  
Jason Wright  
Alexander Yiankes  
Eric Yiankes  
William Yogan  
Kathryn Zaborowski



"I like water." -Bruce Lee

"If you are never content in ignorance, Do everything you can to discover new things." -Andy Biersack

Courtney Zaharias  
Katherine Zaharias  
Alyssa Zosso



"Invest your money, you invest your life." -Mumford & Sons



*Seniors share their serious and not-so-serious...*

# Senior Accomplishments:

Alissa Anselm: Most valuable benchwarmer of Valpo Girls Basketball  
 Emily Ball: Didn't make cheer team senior year, hit Andy Lehn's car, late every day to 1st hour/never counted tardy  
 Dustin Barnett: Never got food poisoning from school lunches  
 Kalei Barrett: Finally escaped high school, got a job and better friends  
 Haleigh Batey: I joined Hope Club  
 Reyna Bauer: Graduated high school, made it out alive, didn't get suspended  
 Kathryn Berger: Band president, IBA/IMEA All-State Band, Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra  
 Guy Bernhardt: Failed science in 7th grade, I know who shot JFK  
 Michael Bezotte: Played JV football  
 Lauren Biesen: Lifted the most in my gym class, succeeded 12 different times and counting, thought about doing track  
 Kyle Blakeley: "Time" Magazine's Person of the Year 2006  
 Stephanie Bohn: Not getting expelled, dating Tyler Ellrich  
 Kate Bontrager: Volleyball MVP, Volleyball Regional Champs  
 Kathryn Bower: Student Council President, Homecoming Princess  
 Shannon Brown: Can recite almost every line in "Finding Nemo," can make a Spongebob reference to almost anything  
 Tyler Harrison Brown: Secretary of AOK, President of History Club, Member of the Month-Key Club  
 Eric Budzielek: Newspaper staff, honor roll, maintained sanity  
 Kimberly Clausen: Gymnastics State Champions  
 Mary Cobble: Survived 4 years of Christmas break swim practices, mastered the trombone, ASAP co-president  
 Sam Coryell: Played over 600 hours of Skyrim  
 Julia Couch: Expanding my group of friends, working hard, singing to my heart's desire  
 Olivia Crawford: Natural Helpers, Lead  
 Livia Crim: Model United Nations, Concert Choir, Newspaper Staff  
 Maeve Crowley: I can rap all of "Lip Gloss" by Lil Mama, attended 1.5 football games in 4 years  
 Evan Curry: Best Personality (Self-appointed), tooted in class 3 times, Culver's Employee of the month (Dec. 2014)  
 Sean Curtis: 6 perfections on Halo and 1 Revo Stage  
 Julia Dalton: Peaked in middle school, never got above a C on a final, successfully forgot the words to National Anthem at volleyball game  
 Princess Wednesday Daniels Porter: Did not drop out, 4-H Music Reserve Grand Champion, Gold at ISSMA State-violin  
 Lindsey DeBoer: Natural Helpers, Golf, Community Theatre  
 Michael Deedrick: Varsity Soccer, Navigated the VHS halls in a wheelchair for 2 months, heading off to IU next year  
 Carly De Kock: Having Brooke Lyons get me through math and science classes, being a licensed driver, going to college  
 Jon Dickens: Got my license, got a job, graduated  
 Justin Duty: Played all 4 years of high school baseball, caught a touchdown against Chesterton  
 Tyler Ellrich: Most decorated intramural basketball player in VHS history  
 Alexandria Evans: I made it to senior year  
 Jack Feltgen: D-1 bound cheerleader, 3 sport varsity athlete, asked a girl to prom dressed as movie character  
 Meghan Gallagher: Football manager, winner of the Natalie Thorgren Academic Award, Homecoming Court  
 Austin Garbison: Wrestler  
 Samantha Garcia: Haven't killed anybody so far  
 Kayla Gates: Once lit my hair on fire during a freshman Spanish project, hold the record for most cheese curds eaten in one day  
 Rhona Gilliam: Natural Helpers, Football Manager  
 Thomas Gooding: President of the #219Fireballers intramural team, Super Bowl Champion, JV Football Player  
 Brendon Gornick: Made it through all 4 levels of high school  
 Lauren Griffith: Elected Student Council Secretary freshman year (El Dorado High), completed CNA/AED License  
 Sofia Grimsgard: 2 time National Debate qualifier, writing for the NWI Times  
 Bailey Henderlong: A+ in gym  
 Lyndsay Herbst: Being selected for Purdue Entrepreneurship Academy  
 Kayne Herbaus: Japanese Club President, National Honor Society  
 Marin Hilbrich: IB and AP Art Student, waking up everyday  
 Tyler Hodges: Varsity Letter in Wrestling, never gotten a C  
 Ed Howe: Sideline MVP for 2 years, most chickless- 4 years, most consistently dressed  
 Zac Iseminger: Record for least amount of girlfriends: 0, member of the #219Fireballers intramural team, better hair than Mark Oglesby  
 Kimberly Jankowski: Pom Captain of Vikettes, choreographer for Varsity Singers  
 Nick Jobbe: Graduated VHS, 4 years track and field  
 Val Johnson: Working while being a student, not having a mental breakdown  
 Bryce Johnson: Drank my own body weight in coffee, almost passed my finals, learned to survive school after only 3 hours of sleep  
 Stamatina Kalafatis: Traveled to 6 countries, read 152 books junior year, wrote two 300 page novels in one month  
 Max Keating: Lifeguard, Indiana High School Architecture Design Award Winner, accepted to Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Meara Keen: captain of Women's Swim team, NHS, LEAD crew  
 Ann Keimig: Senior Class Treasurer, AP/IB Honors Art, lifeguarding  
 Luma Khabbaz: Kissed up to every teacher, never took a bathroom mirror picture, got really cool after freshman year  
 Marnee Kirkpatrick: Graduated in 3 years with Academic Honors, Earth Awareness Club Treasurer, aced the East of Eden research paper

Emilie Kostecka: Met some amazing friends, got my first job, got into my dream college  
 Zachary Kroll: Admitted to Purdue College of Engineering, built a house, kissed a girl  
 Ben Leetz: Student aided for Mr. Lieske, grew side burns  
 Jakiya Lockhart: Early graduate  
 Meghan Lomas: Laughs at all of Erin Thomas's jokes, kind of met Malia Obama, Taylor's number to Ben  
 Emily Lynch: 2014 and 2015 Gymnastics State Champion  
 Brooke Lyons: Having Carly De Kock get me through my math and science classes, meeting Jacob Stewart, going to Indiana State  
 Kelly Lyp: Half-Iron Man 2013, crashed my car, survived honors pre-calc class  
 Selena Martinez: Being independent, watching all Indiana Jones movies, staying true to myself  
 Jasmine McCarron: Went on the Marine Biology trip three times, got my license, graduated high school  
 Liam McGrath: 200 meter dash sectional champion, 100 hours of volunteer work, set the Sprint Medley relay school record  
 Amanda McIntyre: Graduating, accepted to Purdue  
 David McLeon: Machining, debate team, perfect attendance  
 Maggie Meyer: Four years of Valparaiso girls basketball  
 Cylie Miller: Gymnastics State Champions  
 Marisa Miller: Had two poems published, won a Varsity letter for being a manager  
 Rushelle Miller: Gymnastics State Champions  
 Samantha Miller: Getting and keeping a job, getting over 40 credits throughout high school  
 Samuel Curtis Miller: Three letter winner in baseball, two-time baseball captain, part of the Technical Honor Society  
 Jacob Mills: Ate yogurt every day of senior year, maintained constant hair part  
 Sam Mueller: Science Olympiad team captain, made lots of friends, had lots of fun  
 Abie Mwaura: Key Club Vice President, graduate of SLYCE 02, Natural Helpers  
 Rachael Neinast: Varsity Singers, Speech and Debate  
 Rainer Neis: Eagle Scout, Men's Swimming Captain, NHS Treasurer  
 Anthony Nelson: Wrote an book, helped friends, made an game  
 Carmen Nelson: Honor Roll, Art Show  
 Marisa Nigrelli-German: Early graduation  
 Micah Nord: All-State Honor Choir  
 Courtney Orr: Getting through high school  
 Katherine Osby: Double-jointed, can lick elbow  
 Drew Paul: Captain of the basketball team, learned how to juggle, burrito eating champion  
 Kai Piazza: emotional QB, god, super cute :)  
 Joe Pimentel: 305 lb. bench, 525 lb. squat, 325 lb. power clean  
 Katie Ploetz: Beat every level of Two Dots, knows all words to "All I Want for Christmas is You," Mario Kart Champion  
 Jared Rafferty: Wrestling, football  
 Alex Rastovski: Varsity men's swimming captain (2 years), "Call of Duty: Black Ops II" Prestige Master  
 Lauren Rarity: Vikettes, Natural Helpers, Chris Brown Believer  
 Alex Raynor: Hottest freestyle mix tape of 2014  
 Jake Reid: First place marching band in class (3A) in Louisiana (2012), third place track team in Louisiana (2012), Director of Interact Club  
 Connor Rhein: State for track junior year, 4 year intramural veteran, meeting all of the friends I have  
 Dax Ritter: Mostly drove in the right lane  
 Jacob Roach: Four year veteran of Intramural Basketball, attended sophomore prom with a girl who is now married, helped build the male cheerleading program at VHS  
 Celine Rogers: Girl Scouts, Orchestra, Marine Corps JROTC  
 Billy Rollings: I reached a record of 47 wings, Intramural basketball god  
 Kevin Scannell: Rolled Gold pretzel champion  
 Sean Schirato: 16 absences, became friends with Ben, failed Themes Lit  
 Taylor Segally: CNA, lettered in Vikettes and cheerleading, graduated with technical and academic honors  
 Mona Sehgal: Gender Equality Founder, DECA international qualifier, professional tiramisu taster  
 Caroline Shaw: US Equestrian Federation two-time degree national champion, US Dressage Federation two-time all-breeds national champion, Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association 2012 First Level Dressage and Novice Combined Training Champion  
 Jasmine Shughoury: Got out of every detention given to me, read all of "Crime and Punishment," I look like Lorde  
 Claire Simon: Finishing my shampoo and conditioner at the same time, woke up at 6 and didn't hit the snooze button  
 Breana Simpson: Doing everything the easy way and still getting A's  
 Dominic Snemis: Intramural superstar, loved every minute  
 Anthony Stout: Accomplished none of the goals I set during freshman year  
 Logan Stewart: Varsity track team, volunteered to go help with ASP (Applachian Service Project), made good choices  
 Jaylin Straughter: This is My Story Fall of 2013  
 Ashley Thomas: Varsity Girls Soccer Captain, All-District Team  
 Mallory Thomas: Cheer captain, never wore sweatpants to school  
 Marissa Toren: Being a varsity mascot, having varsity eyebrows  
 Erin Turner: Rainbow staffer, queen kette, almost got beat up twice in geometry  
 Joel Uban: 3 years of Varsity Swimming, "Varsity" Calculus  
 Elvin Uthuppan: Track and field (hurdles) junior and senior years, band state junior year, surviving IB...so far  
 Collin Vinyard: Viking Nation  
 Ryan Wagenblast: NHS, travelling to Germany  
 Brian Wall: 1st place Science Olympiad, Science Olympiad for 6 years  
 Emily Walsh: Member of Varsity Singers  
 Margaret Welsh: 2013 Spot B award winner, being told I look like a freshman every year of high school  
 Ryan Wexelberg: 2013 intramural captain, 2007 Parks Dept. baseball champion, B+ in biology freshman year  
 Melanie Whittaker: Tumbling, graduating, getting accepted into college  
 Joseph Wichlinski: Breathing, eating, sleeping  
 Hanna Wilson: Gymnastics State Champions  
 Grace Withrow: Lane 1 freshman swimming, dated the quarterback, been mistaken for Cov's daughter more than once  
 Kat Zaborowski: Honor Roll  
 Katherine Zaharias: President of HOPE Club for 3 years, getting into VU: Rainbow Staff

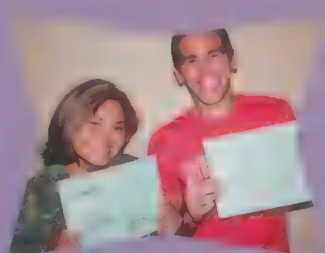


# Senior Royalties



*Best Actor*

**Kimberly Jankowski** **Dax Ritter**  
Mary Cobble Mark Oglesby  
Julia Manion Anthony Sanchez



*Best Smile*

**Olivia Rausei** **Andrew Paul**  
Julia Manion Nicholas Pontrelli  
Lindsay Deboer Tristan Kollar



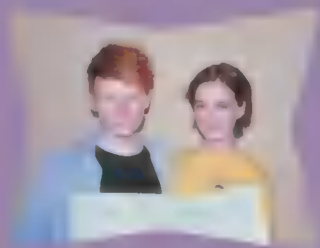
*Funniest Friend*

**Stephanie Bohn** **Jacob Wallace**  
Breauna Simpson Collin Ahearn  
Hanna Wilson Jonathon Steiner



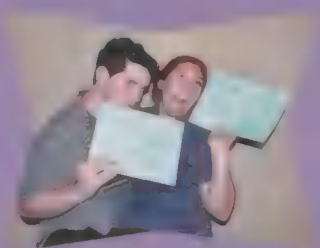
*Best Friend*

**Abigail Barton** **Jacob Roach**  
Lindsay Deboer Christopher Hartz  
Madison Walters Justin Starns



*Awesome Artist*

**Alexandra Runnion** **Kevin Scannell**  
Hailey Smith Anthony Kalin  
Annie Keimig Corey Gardner



*Class Clown*

**Marissa Toren** **Keegan Whaling**  
Caroline Dykes Alexander Horb  
Meghan Gallagher Brock Harris



*Amazing Athlete*

**Grace Withrow** **Andrew Paul**  
Alison Mundell Collin Vinyard  
Gabrielle Brown Liam McGrath



*Biggest Hipster*

**Alexandra Runnion** **Jacob Mills**  
Meghan Lomas Kai Piazza  
Evann Grabow Keegan Whaling



*Most Likely Never to Return to Valpo*

**Marin Hilbrich** **Dylan Workman**  
Jasmine Shughoury Tristan Kollar  
Evann Grabow Justin Starns



*Friends Forever*

**Cylie & Rushelle Miller**  
Kayla Turley & Stephanie Bohn  
Marissa Toren & Maggie Meyer



*Most Memorable Laugh*

**Marissa Toren** **JP Kunze**  
Storm Stevenson Nicholas Pontrelli  
Marisa Miller Fisher Cherechinsky



*Most Likely to Succeed*

**Mona Sehgal** **Samuel Douglas**  
Luma Khabbaz Elvin Uthuppan  
Kayla Gates Kurt Kohler



*Best Twitter Feed*

**Caroline Dykes** **Mark Oglesby**  
Maeve Crowley Lorand Calumpang  
Marin Hilbrich Evan Curry



*Worst Driver*

**Meghan Gallagher** **Brock Harris**  
Jasmine Shughoury Kurt Kohler  
Erin Thomas Jacob Pancek



*Most Likely to Date a Celebrity*

**Stephanie Bohn** **Ian Jones**  
Emily Ball Tyler Ellrich  
Hanna Wilson Dylan Workman



*Most Likely to Change Their Major 20 Times*

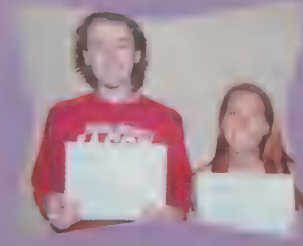
**Katherine Osby** **Ian Norris**  
Erin Thomas Gabriel Brewer  
Claire Simon Michael Pupillo





*Cutest Couple*

**Niko Mireles & Paige Mekola**  
JP Kunze & Grace Withrow  
Benjamin Leetz & Taylor Kovats



*Best Musical Talent*

**Julia Dalton**  
Kathryn Berger  
Carli Meihofer

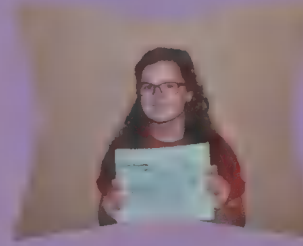
**Andrew Flasch**  
Patrick Azar  
Daniel Barajas



*Most Inevitable*

**Mary Cobble**  
Kathryn Bower  
Abigail Mwaura

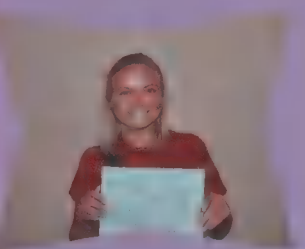
**JP Kunze**  
Ian Norris  
Robert Schenk



*Most Likely to Take Over the World*

**Maeve Crowley**  
Emma Ferguson  
Claire Simon

**Tyler Hodge**  
Ethan Pony  
Rainer Neis



*Worst Senioritis*

**Lauren Biesen**  
Rachel Smith  
Fernanda Sanchez

**Josh Gatti**  
Jake Goldsmith  
Ian Jones



*Best Car*

**Kayla Gates**  
Bailey Henderlong  
Alexa Mason

**Stephen Massa**  
Galen Coulopoulos  
Michael Bezotte



*Best Bromance*

**Patrick Azar & Daniel Barajas**  
Ian Jones & Jacob Roach  
Ian Norris & Jacob Mills



*Biggest Suck-Up*

**Mona Sehgal**  
Megan Molnar  
Rachel Smith

**Jacob Wild**  
Alexander Horb  
Anthony Nelson



*Most Likely to Show Up Late for Graduation*

**Erin Turner**  
Katherine Brogan  
Meredith Hite

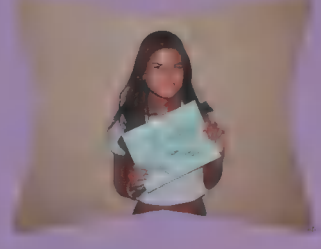
**Jerry Perez**  
Jacob Goldsmith  
Alex Spiess



*Most Likely to be Incarcerated in a Foreign Country*

**Heather Fetla**  
Lauren Biesen  
Allix Smith

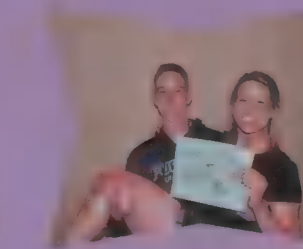
**Xin Liu**  
Jerry Perez  
Max Abraham



*Most Likely to Not Know What Incarcerated Means*

**Kayla Turley**  
Erin Turner  
Gabrielle Brown

**Xin Liu**  
Michael Jindra  
Alfonso Casaday



*Perfect Couple That Never Dated*

**Jacob Wallace & Taylor McBride**  
Elvin Uthuppan & Allison Poole  
Anthony Nelson & Kathryn Berger

*Most Likely to Brighten Someone's Day*

**Kathryn Bower**  
Archita Vohra  
Olivia Rausei

**Ethan Pony**  
Evan Curry  
Nathan Courtney

*Most Likely to Become a VHS Teacher*

**Jacob Knoblock**  
Ed Howe  
Jacob Wallace

**Megan Molnar**  
Emily Singer  
Katherine Zaharias

*Drama King/Queen*

**Emily Ball**  
Breana Simpson  
Kayla Turley

**Michael Jindra**  
Patrick Azar  
Daniel Barajas



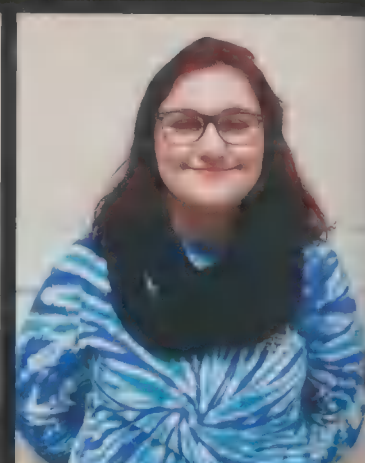
# Junior Officers

Caleb Owens

Jane Tullis

Kennedy Pony

Jillian Rafalski



*President*

*Vice President*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

"You only live once, so why not become Junior Class President?"

"I love Student Council!"

"I ran for secretary because it is a great way to meet new people."

"Student Council is a great way to interact with my fellow classmates."



The Junior class officers of VHS were an unstoppable team consisting of president **Caleb Owens**, vice president **Jane Tullis**, secretary **Kennedy Pony** and treasurer **Jillian Rafalski**. Together they strove to make the Class of 2016's junior year one to remember.

Although the job of an officer seems simple, it is a big task to take on. Being an officer requires hard work, determination and the desire to make our school the best it can be. As president, Caleb Owens had many responsibilities.

"Being president has impacted me as I have had to learn how to think and act in a manner that is representative of a mass student body," Owens said.

Student Council impacts VHS in ways that most people do not notice. Some of the main events that the officers take part in include the decoration and construction of the junior class homecoming float and the organization of the Mr. VHS pageant and prom.

"Prom is definitely our largest commitment," Tullis said.

By the end of the year, the effort they put in proved to be well worth it.



# Looking Forward to Becoming Seniors

"I'm excited about being done with high school and starting the next portion of my life, where I get to work on stuff that will specifically pertain to what I want to do when I get older." - **Sam Garcia**

"I'm looking forward to senior year because I feel like God is going to use it to prepare me for everything life has to offer. I'm really excited to start what I feel like I have been called to do."

-**Lindsey Walsh**

"I'm really looking forward to ending my year on a high note with great friends."

-**Sara Kupels**

"I'm looking forward to going to college and graduating from high school. And I'll love being able to eat lunch in the carpeted area."

-**Paul Nelson**

"I'm excited for senior year because it's the last part in a long chapter of life."

-**Aaron King**

*Designed by Julie McNamee*



Phoebe Abner  
Nicholas Abreu  
Erica Acton  
Saba Ahmed  
Abdullah Aljohbeh  
Anita Angon  
Emma Ardelean

Karla Arias  
Elijah Bailey  
Grace Bailey  
Mia Baker  
Nathaniel Baker  
Taylor Baker  
Nicholas Balch

Alyson Banks  
Cody Banks  
Alexis Barnes  
Jazmyn Barnes  
Sydney Basden  
Zachary Bauer  
Jordan Begay

Craig Behnke  
Elizabeth Bell  
Cassandra Bengs  
Noah Bennett  
Jayde Berdovich  
Yvon Bergner  
Janna Beutler

Kaytlin Beyer  
Noah Biggs  
Kareen Billetter  
Matthew Billings  
Hunter Blanchard  
Joseph Blaschke  
Justin Blazek

Madeline Bleza  
Jackson Block  
Nicholas Bluhm  
Kaylene Blunk  
Michaela Bogue  
Adoree Bowgren  
Laine Bradley



Emma Brandy  
Jarrett Bravo  
Brittany Brice  
Arianna Brown  
Elizabeth Brown  
Lucas Brown  
Jakob Bryan



Gabryele Brzycki  
John Buggeln  
Michael Bukata  
Stephanie Burge  
Ariel Butler  
Mitz Calumpang  
Jordan Cameli



Kyle Campaniello  
Trenton Camper  
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Jason Carson  
Sydney Casey



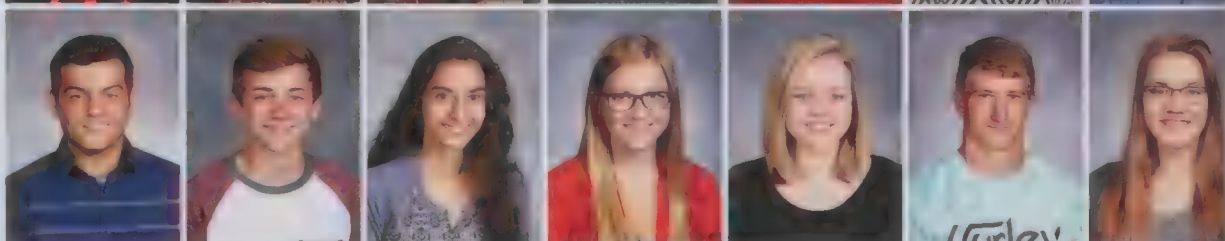
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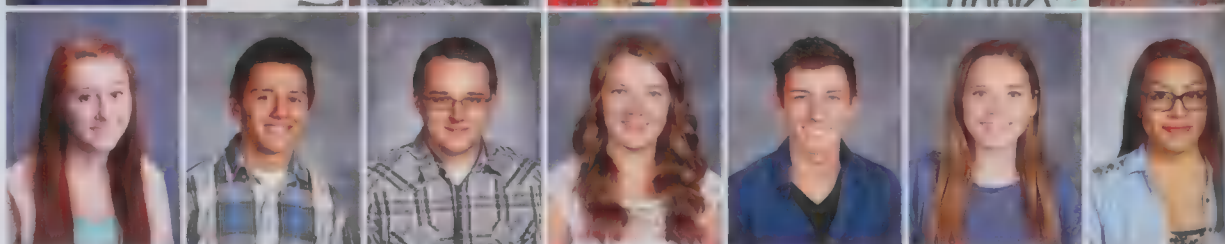
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Kailey Clapp  
Anne Clark  
John Clark  
Sydney Clark  
Caitlynd Conley  
Christian Coryell



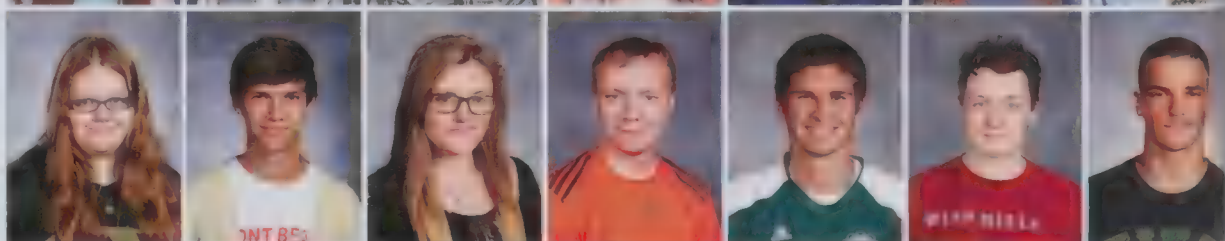
Wyatt Coto  
Evan Cowan  
Victoria Cox  
Malorie Coyle  
Tatum Crone  
Bryce Crook  
Rachel Crookston



Ariel Crostreet  
Jacob Cummens  
Seth Curtis  
Guoda Daciolaite  
Daniel Dalton  
Jenna Dambek  
Breanna Darnell



Cheyenne Davey  
Dominic Davis  
Jordan Davis  
Troy Davis  
Nathan Dawson  
Joseph Deer  
Hunter Deman



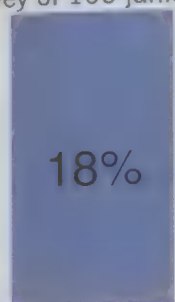
Tristan Dembowski  
Alexis Demonja  
Jacob Devine  
Katherine Dolan-Bennett  
Lola Doolittle  
Clayton Dorman  
Joshua Dorman





# Favorite Elective Class

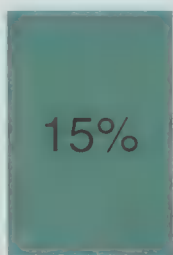
Survey of 100 juniors reveals their top class picks



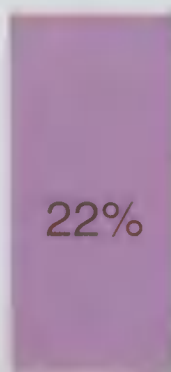
Art Class  
(Ceramics,  
Photography,  
Intro, etc.)



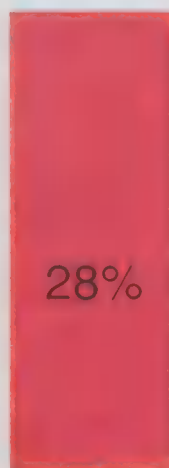
Study  
Hall



Sports Class  
(Weight lifting,  
lifeguarding,  
bowling, etc.)



Foreign  
Language



Music Class  
(Band, Choir,  
Orchestra, etc.)



"I enjoy taking  
photos in  
photography  
class."

-Caira Walker

"Lifeguarding is  
my favorite  
because it was  
fun learning how  
to save  
someone's life."

- Lauren  
Marciniak



Designed by Julia Michaels



Spencer Dumas  
Courtney Earl  
Breita Edquist  
Sara Eichmeier  
Brandi Elder  
Jadai Emerson  
Samantha Enloe

Alexis Enright  
Austin Ensign  
Tyler Erdmann  
Rebecca Erftenbeck  
Richard Eskra  
Trinity Evans  
Matthew Fadden

Natalie Fadell  
Catrine Faurby  
Alexis Ferngren  
Tyler Fetla  
Morgan Fifield  
Ann Fink  
Aaron Finley

Colin Flannery  
Austin Ford  
David Fox  
Hevyn Frailey  
Jacob Franko  
Calli Frankus  
Anayeli Fuentes-Avila

Jack Gabrish  
Sean Galipeau  
Tyler Gall  
Kamryn Gallardo  
Nicole Garcia  
Samantha Garcia  
John Gast

Rachel Gebhardt  
Cassandra Gonzalez  
Lance Goodfellow  
Jacob Goodpaster  
Joseph Grcich  
Brian Green  
Rachel Greenawald



Amberleigh Greene  
Rebecca Gronceski  
Natalie Gruszka  
Eddie Guess  
Katelyn Hagen  
Shannon Hahn  
Trevor Hamill



Christopher Handing  
Jakob Haney  
Dylan Hanson  
Kayla Hanson  
Sophie Hanson  
Benjamin Hardwick  
Gabrielle Harper



Baker Harris  
Sarah Hartman  
Madeline Hathoot  
McKenna Haynes  
John Healy  
Steve Helm III  
Timothy Henderson



Liset Hernandez  
Jacob Herring  
Zachary Herring  
Riley Hescher  
Gregory Heskett  
Eric Hess  
Monica Hicks



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Addison Hines  
Alyssa Hooks  
Ruslan Horb  
Breanna Horn  
Charles Horsley  
Myciah Houser



Bethany Howe  
Shelby Hoyert  
Jessica Huizar  
Robert Husiar  
Nicole Huth  
Sydney Intagliata  
Nicole Isroff



Alexandra Jacobs  
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Gillian Johnson



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Alexander Kaariainen  
Sophie Kaminski  
Brian Karr  
Reece Kassner  
Sarah Kawamleh



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Valerie Keenan  
Hashm Khalat  
Jon Kilpinen  
Aaron King  
Michael Kipp  
Kathryn Kirk







Alita Kirkpatrick  
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Michael Klingseisen  
Anthony Kloss  
Brittney Knoche  
Elias Kouknas  
Kyla Krayniak

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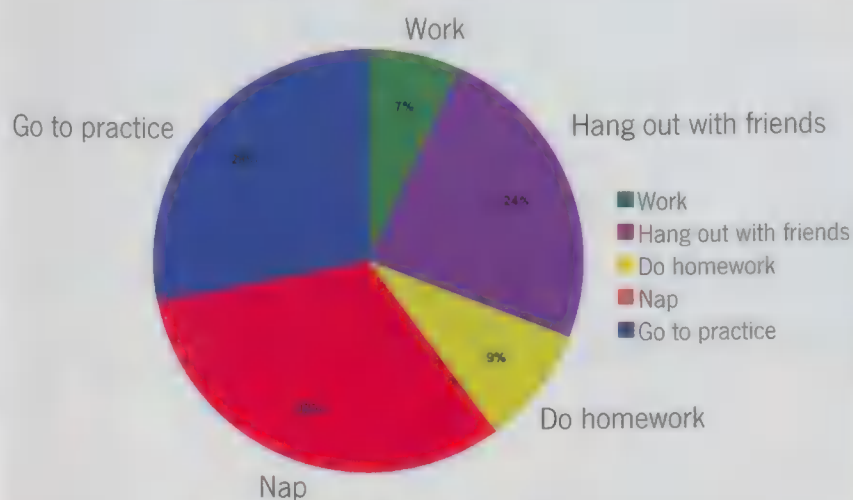
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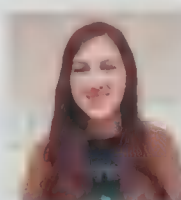
## What do you do after school?



Source: Poll of 100 juniors

## Saved by the Bell

100 juniors are polled on what they do when the final bell of the day rings



"After school I babysit kids until their mom gets home. When I get home I eat dinner, do homework, and sometimes hang out with friends if I have time." -**Alexa Kudrak**



"After school I like to get in a good run with my teammates." -**Jack Gabrish**



1. Wade Schampff



?

4. Maddy Palmer



?

2. Lexi Barnes



?

5. Kaley Clapp



?

3. Britney Barden



?

6. Steve Helm



?

# Celebrity Look-A-Likes

*What celebrities do these students look like?*

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Lily Hale
- C. Zosie Deschanel
- D. Keanu
- E. Childish Gambino
- F. Deb from Nip/Tuck
- Gymnast

Samantha Matisko  
Iesha Matthews  
Matthew Mayes  
Patrick McBride  
Ethan McChristian  
Jacob McCraney  
Kenneth McIntyre



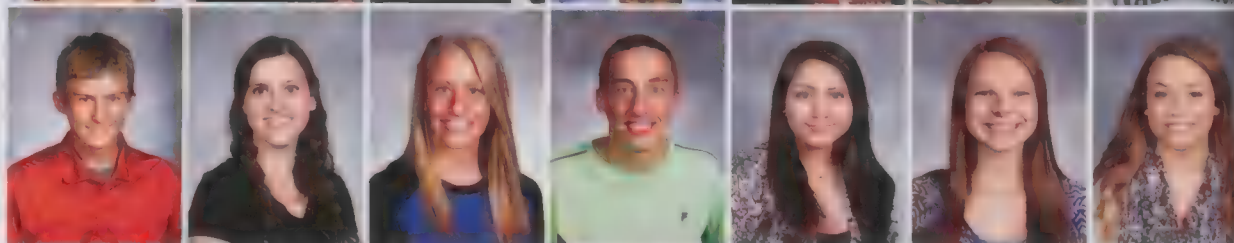
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Ryan Miles  
Caroline Miller  
Destane Miller  
Jenna Miller  
Kyle Miller



Mitchell Miller  
Lia Milroy  
Kennedy Minko  
Konnor Minko  
Skylar Miracle  
Abigail Mitchell  
Sarah Moats



Leslie Monterroso Mayorga  
Nathan Moore  
Issac Mosqueda  
Taylor Murphy  
Olivia Murray  
Ty Murray  
Geremie Myers



Kaylee Neff  
Paul Nelson  
Dylan Nguyen  
Benjamin Nielsen  
Michael Nieto  
Lindsey Nigro  
Christopher Nitta







Sydnye Nosbusch  
John Nowosad  
Sam Nowosad  
Matthew O'Brien  
Eavan O'Brien-Cleveland  
Jacob O'Dell  
Ryan Oakes



Samuel Ochs  
Christopher Orlich  
Dacota Overland  
Caleb Owens  
Jeremy Owens  
Allison Page  
Virginia Palacios



Tadas Palinauskas  
Madison Palmer  
Miranda Palmer  
Isaiah Parrish  
Samuel Pati  
Tyler Patrick  
Emma Patterson



Alec Paulk  
Alyson Peck  
Analyse Pena  
Collin Petre  
Kayla Pingel  
Andrew Pitmon  
Lucas Pollock



Kennedy Pony  
Lydia Porter  
Damonte Price  
Michael Radford  
Jillian Rafalski  
Megan Rahn  
Sandra Ramos



Megan Rarity  
Anne Rastovski  
Skylar Ravega  
Benjamin Ridings  
Laura Riggle  
Elijah Rivers  
Max Roberts



Gabriel Rodea  
Jenna Roganovich  
Elizabeth Rosentrater  
Kara Rothenberger  
Joshua Runyan  
Paige Ruvituso  
Sarah Sams



Corey Sanders  
Leanne Sanders  
Melissa Sanecki  
Samantha Sanecki  
Paris Sark  
Christian Sayers  
Nathan Schimpf



Destinee Schirato  
Zachary Schlyer  
Emily Schott  
Lucas Schrader  
Rachel Schultz  
Nicholas Schwartz  
Jessica Scolaro



Kyle Sharp  
Erin Shaw  
Madeline Shepley  
Austin Shingler  
Emily Simcich  
Dimitrije Simic  
Matthew Simon



Alexis Sissell  
Mark Small  
Brooke Smith  
Isaiah Smith  
Katelyn Smith  
Jared Smolar  
Aaron Smrekar



Abelardo Soriano-Flores  
Johnathan Soto  
Travis Sperry-Allison  
Sydney Spillers  
Dakota Spoor  
Benjamin Staples  
David Staub



Zachary Stearns  
Carissa Steele  
Grant Steiner  
Abigail Stewart  
Jonathan Stocker  
Kelsey Stowers  
Joel Suchak



Danielle Suiter  
Jordon Swenson  
Jessica Swierenga  
Tristan Szymanski  
Rachelle Takish  
Abbigale Taylor  
Conner Tenhove



Katrin Terry  
Mary Thate  
Abbey Thomas  
Lee Tomanica Waterfield  
Justus Thomas  
Danielle Thome  
Jared Thompson



Alena Tonne  
Selina Traino  
Maya Trask  
Jeremiah Trebil  
Robert Trieu  
Theodore Tripodis  
Jane Tullis



Payton Turner  
Summer Tursi  
Gina Twardosz  
Anthony Tyler  
Henry Uzulis  
Fortino Valle  
Charles Vamos



Samantha Van Dam  
Rylie Vaughan  
Jeffrey Velez  
Jeffrey Venekamp  
Casey Villagran  
Nicholas Villareal  
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Caira Walker  
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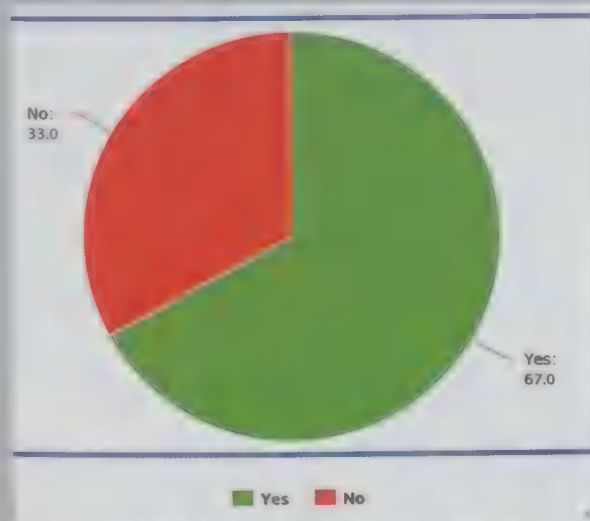
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James Willard  
Paige Williams  
Kathryn Williamson

Amber Wilson  
Caleb Wilson  
Samantha Wojda  
Lauren Wong  
Trenton Woods  
Harry Xie  
Matthew Yogan

David Young  
Kaylah Zajicek  
Abigail Zombik  
Jonathan Zygmunt

# Finally Licensed



Junior year, a majority of students receive their driver's license. One hundred juniors were polled on whether or not they considered themselves "good drivers."

Out of 100 students surveyed, 67 said that they were "good drivers," while 33 thought the opposite.



"I am a good driver because it's in my blood; my dad and grandpa were both amazing race car drivers."

- John Gast

"I think I'm a good driver because I try to minimize distractions. I do like snow drifting in the winter, though."

- Jon Kilpinen



Designed by Jack Feltgen



# Describe Junior Year in One Word

"Easy" - Ethan McCluskey

"Lame" - Ryan Miles

"Exhausting" - Anthony Kless

"Hectic" - Jillian Rafalski

"Fantastic" - Henry Dufus

"The Grind" - John Buggeln "Incondemnable!" - Justus Thomas "Revealing" - Sophie Kaminski

"Hectic" - Gena Twardosz

"Challenging" - Sarah Karamlah

"Hard" - Naomi Lee

"Stressful" - Katherine Dolan

"Rad" - Mallory Krown

"Rollercoaster" - Maddy Wellman

"Overwhelmed" - Savannah Cyganski

"Sleepless" - Olivia Murray

"Progressive" - Samantha Garcia

"Yes" - Nick Schwartz

"Overwhelming" - Jessica Hauer

"Hectic" - Nick Kraschinski

"Boring" - Jacob Mitchell

"Stressful" - Maya Trask

"Exhausting" - Marie Townsend

"Fun" - Travis Sperry

"Easy" - Alex Reed

"Amazing" - Jared Thompson

"Simple" - Emma Gaudry

"Busy" - Kyle Miller

"Wow" - Grace Bailey

"Crazy" - Rachel Schultz

"Exhausting" - Zack Holland

"Tough" - Kyle Krsak

"Long" - Ava Massarella

"Gnarly" - Bryce Crook

"Hard" - John Galt

"Stressful" - Arianna Brown

"Life-changing" - Talen Grone

"Sad" - Adrienne Lineback

"Amazing" - Nicole Pratt

"Surprising" - Kyla Clayhitz

"Legendary" - Matt Billings

"Challenging" - Emma Brumby

"Stressful" - Jacob Hollander

"Exciting" - Jakob Bryan

"Fun" - Virginia Palacios

"Eventful" - Erin Shaw

"Awful" - Jacob Goodpaster

"Difficult" - Payton Turner

"Fantastic" - Justin Blazek

"Anxiety" - Nik Krenz

"Tremendous" - Eric Bauer

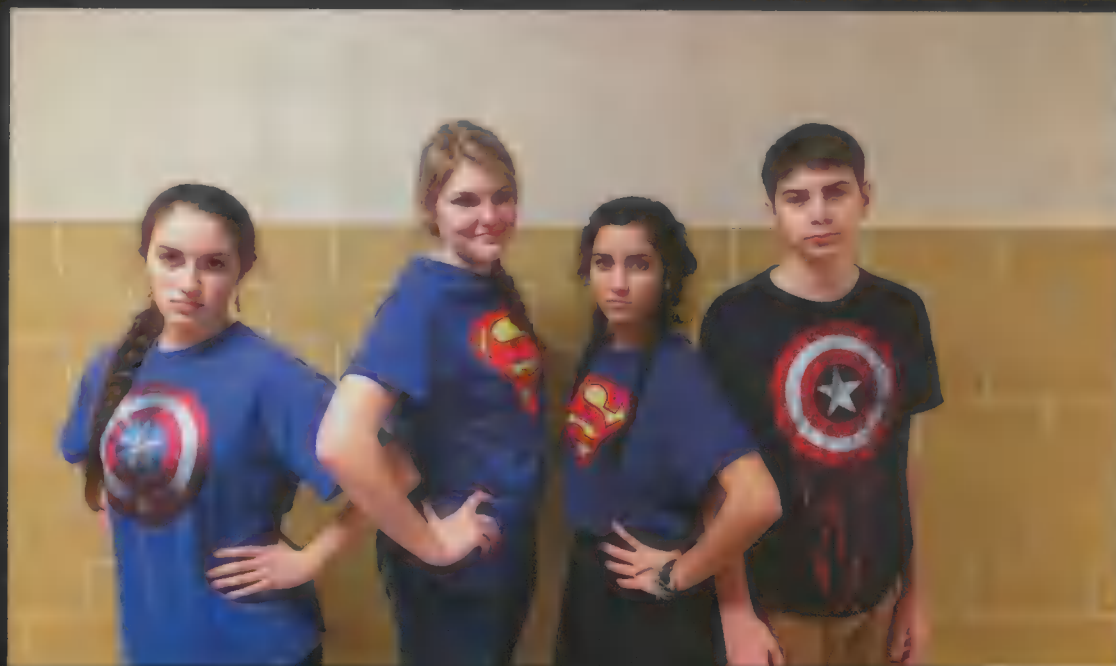
"Simple" - Charles Roslar



"Life-changing" - Sydney Boudreau  
 "Unforgettable" - Lia Milroy "Challenging" - Logan Meeler "Great!" - Alex Kaarttinen  
 "Sensesful" - Jared Lacey "Positive" - Kathryn Jankowski  
 "Unpredictable" - Mia Catarello "Easy" - Andrew Pesdan  
 "Memorable" - Brooke Smith "Exciting" - Keanna Darnell  
 "Boring" - Autumn Poon "Eventful" - Evan Cowan  
 "Challenging" - Dani Thorne "Okay" - Rachel Greenawald  
 "Rollercoaster" - Mia Baker "Rapid" - Ben Staples  
 "Crazy" - Casey Villagran "Boring" - Anne Clark  
 "Homework" - Matt Janesheski "Amazing" - Sebastian Robishaw  
 "Tough" - Brandon Golden "Stressful" - Anne Warner "Tang" - Aaron Zinkler  
 "Stressful" - Chris Zart "Awesome" - John Newosad  
 "What'safraid" - Austin Shingler "Mellow" - Yvon Bangner "Rollercoaster" - Adorne Bowgren  
 "Stressful" - Alex Lacey "Real" - Gabe Walker "Stressful" - Cassie Bengs  
 "Stressful" - Nate Dawson "Eventful" - Sara Kupsis  
 "Solipsistic" - Rachel Wilburn "Gauging" - Sydney Spillers  
 "NoRules" - Christian Seyers "Overwhelming" - Nicole Huth  
 "On Fleek" - Sarah Moats "Crying" - Kareen Billetter  
 "Difficult" - Becca Erftenbeck  
 "Gritches" - Jami Tullis "Tears" - Olivia Vinyard  
 "Exhausting" - Sydney Rosbusch "Rough" - Alena Tonne "Flawed" - Malorie Coyle  
 "Overwhelming" - Liz Brown "Anthemmatic" - Marnie Kirkpatrick  
 "Liberating" - Maddie Hathoot "Belligerent" - Mitz Calumpang  
 "Clutch" - Jon Kilpinen



# SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

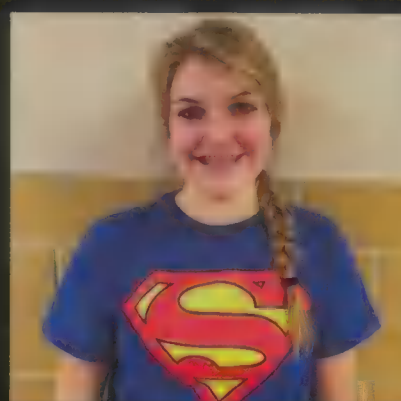


The sophomore class officers consist of **Malika Saxena** as president, **Lexi Lahey** as vice president, **Olivia Rosario** as secretary and **Ryan Shrader** as treasurer. Together they are a fun-loving, bright group, which makes them a solid group to lead their class.



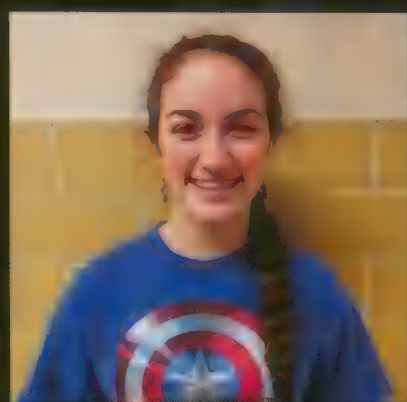
"Ditto!"  
-Malika Saxena

*President*



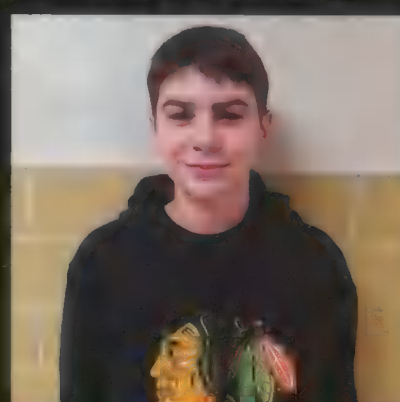
"I enjoy the people I work with and making a difference at school."  
-Lexi Lahey

*Vice President*



"I enjoy watching things formulate and come together behind the scenes."  
-Olivia Rosario

*Secretary*



"It's fun to be in charge at school, and you learn about leadership as well."  
-Ryan Shrader

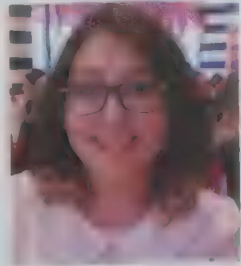
*Treasurer*



# What would you do if you had \$1 million?

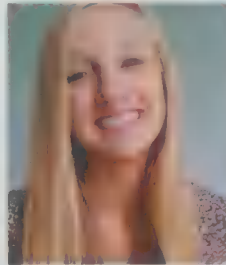
"Clean up Lake Michigan of all it's microscopic, plastic pollutants."

**-Alexis Gonzalez**



"I would give some to help animals and the homeless."

**-Emma Ault**



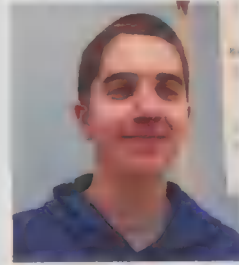
"I am going to give some to charity, save some, spend some and travel with some."

**-Emma Gottlieb**



"Buy a new car and save the rest."

**-Mathew Supergan**



"I would get tickets to see Paul McCartney live!"

**-Andrew Airey**

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Allison Abraham  
Corinne Ackenhusen  
Lauren Ahrendt  
Andrew Airey  
Abdelraheem Al-Najjar  
Danielle Angert  
Riley Anglin

Zachary Anselm  
Tucker Anthony  
Abigail Arnold  
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William August  
Emma Ault  
Olivia Ault

Marc Ayres  
Katerina Bakas  
Adeline Balcerak  
Delaney Baldwin  
William Baldwin  
Lauren Ball  
Austin Banashak

Tierra Banks  
Reyna Banuelas  
Savannah Barnett  
Riley Baros  
Elizabeth Barrasas  
Erin Barrasas  
Claire Bartusch

Madyson Batey  
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Martin Behnke  
Maxwell Behrend  
Kyla Benford  
Baylie Benson  
Georgia Bentrud

Beverly Bewick  
Kaitlynn Bickerstaff  
Jameson Bisacky  
Caleb Blanchard  
Barbara Blank  
Ryan Bledsoe  
Vega Blossom



Kristopher Bluhm  
Grace Bolinger  
Rachel Bontrager  
Ethan Boron  
Lukas Borsheim  
Rachel Bowman  
Jacob Box



Claire Brennecke  
Elliot Brooks  
Destiny Brown  
Brandon Brychell  
David Bush  
Madison Buyer  
Brandon Caldwell



Teddy Callahan  
Hannah Campolattara  
Caleb Carrillo  
Adrian Casaday  
Noah Case  
Erika Castanon  
Marissa Cavanaugh



Carley Chasko  
Tyler Cher  
Jakob Christie  
Elias Christos  
Autumn Cieliesz  
Nathaniel Cierniak  
Grason Clark



Jordan Clark  
Rachel Clark  
Tyler Clark  
Alexis Claypool  
Aubry Collins  
Matthew Cory  
David Cotton



Theran Coulopoulos  
Jerritt Covington  
Spencer Cox  
Madison Creech  
Zoe Crim  
Madeline Cromer  
Emma Crowder



"Jimmy John's has been a lifestyle for me."  
-William Marischen

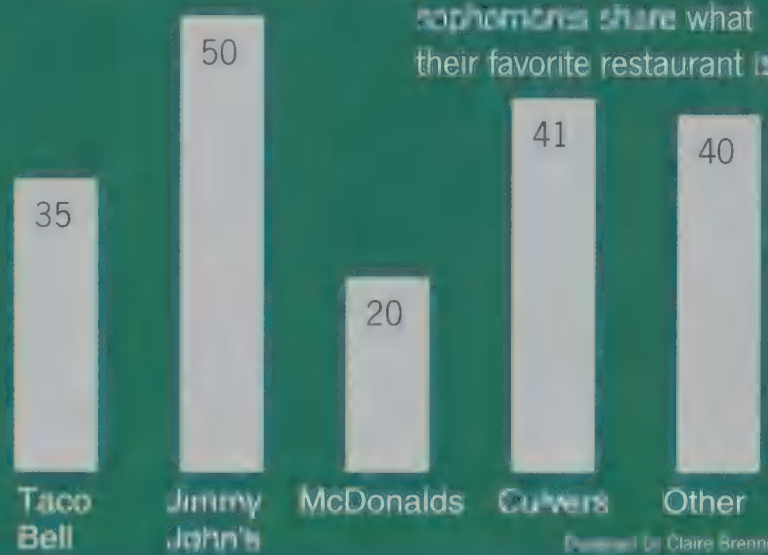


"I like Culvers because they sell great chicken."  
-Grace Hathaway



"I like McDonalds because it has good Mexican food."  
-Camille Thiros

**Favorite Restaurant** In a survey, 186 sophomores share what their favorite restaurant is



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Sarah Cuevas  
Tyler Curtis  
Carter Dahlgren  
Nathaniel Davis  
Rosy Delgado  
Kayla Depaul  
Ava Devaney



Emily Ditto  
Darius Dunivan  
Nicole Edgington  
Irina Edwards  
Loren Eichelberger  
Nathaniel Emery  
Eric Evory



Emily Farmer  
Alexis Farnum  
Brittany Farris  
Nicholas Feltgen  
Donna Ferguson  
Makayla Ferrari  
Tyler Filar



Emily Fisher  
Scott Fisher  
Kindell Flynn  
Christina Foy  
Brigitte Frazee  
Carson Fritts  
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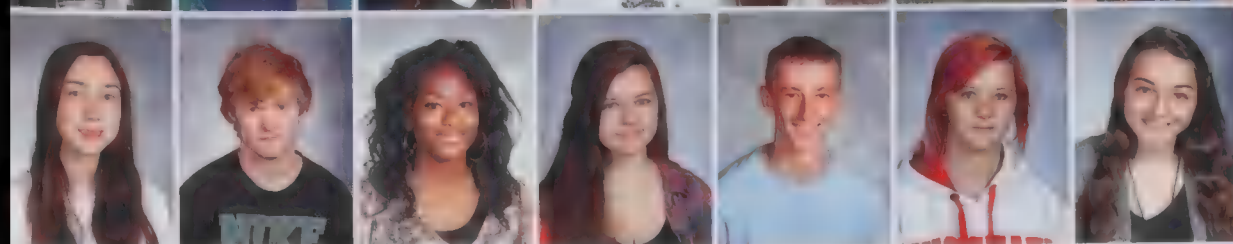
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Kyle Gil  
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Skye Goin  
Isabella Gonzales  
Alexis Gonzalez  
Emma Gottlieb  
Rebecca Gray



David Graykowski  
Darien Gress  
Chelsea Griffith  
Emma Grosenbacher  
Hannah Gutenstein  
Nicholas Guzman  
Madison Haitsma



Meagan Hale  
Derrick Halford  
Renorah Hall  
Erika Halpin  
Joshua Hamer  
Courtney Hanaway  
McKenna Hancock



Hailey Hapchuck  
Angela Harrington  
Aaron Harris  
Grace Hathaway  
Elijah Haugen  
Alyson Hawkins  
Nathan Hendricks



Blake Hightshoe  
Donovan Hilbrich  
Antonio Hisick  
Sydney Hite  
Brooke Hollandsworth  
Hannah Holloway  
Ian Holmes



Makayla Houldson  
William Houlihan  
Charles Howe  
Bryce Huddleston  
Seth Hughes  
Ekaterina Hulser  
Elliott Husiar



Brooke Isroff  
Eboné Ivory  
Mariah Jackson  
Devin Jaremczuk  
Thomas Jarratt  
Griffin Jelenski  
Yifan Jia



Maxwell Jobbe  
Anne Johnson  
Brianna Johnson  
Christopher Johnson  
Destiny Johnson  
Emily Johnson  
Marisa Johnson



Rayna Johnson  
Evan Johnston  
Brayden Jones  
Chase Jones  
Zachary Jones  
Tevin Jordan  
David Juhl



Nikolas Kaiafas  
Minahil Kamal  
Rhannon Kaminski  
Madison Karp  
Julie Kay  
Hannah Kearney  
Daniel Keaton



Michael Kelley  
Courtlin Kelly  
Patrick Kelly  
Alec Kessler  
Mohammed Khatib  
Erin Kinsel  
Matthew Klemm



Eric Klobucar  
Damian Klotz  
Rachel Knoblock  
Matthew Koebecke  
Victoria Kolar  
Noah Komoscar  
Harini Kota







Samantha Kovats  
Rebecca Kowalski  
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Robert Kreloff  
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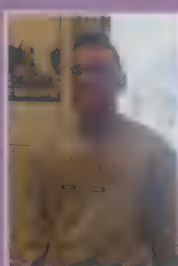
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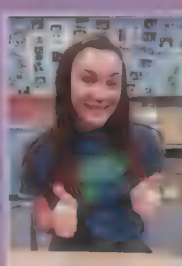
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## Where is the first place you will go when you get a driver's license?



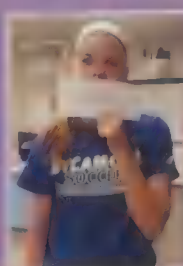
**Mohammad  
Khatib**

"I already have my license, so I wouldn't go anywhere."



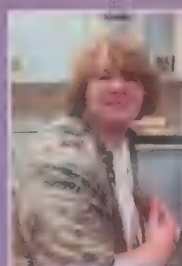
**Erin  
Kinsel**

"I would go to Fred's (friend) and the mall."



**Stephanie  
Sgouroudis**

"I would go to Dairy Queen."



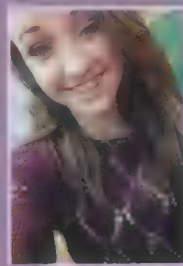
**Nathaniel  
Tobey**

"The first place I would go is to the mall, probably to the mall."



**Lucas  
Schultz**

"I'm gonna first go to the mall with my friends."



**Brooke  
Isroff**

"The first place I would go is to the mall, probably to the mall."



**Marisa  
Johnson**

"I would go to the mall, probably to the mall."



**Joseph  
Rios**

"I think I'm going to go to the mall, probably to the mall, and I would go to the mall."

Interviewed by Linda Brown



## Half Way There

Having completed half of high school, sophomores chime in with their favorite memories thus far, as well as something they still hope to accomplish by graduation.



Hannah Holloway

"I'd say being a varsity starter for softball my freshman year and singing the National Anthem at one of our basketball games this year are my biggest accomplishments at this point. Something I still hope to do would definitely be getting involved in clubs more. I'd like to experience everything VHS has to offer before I graduate."

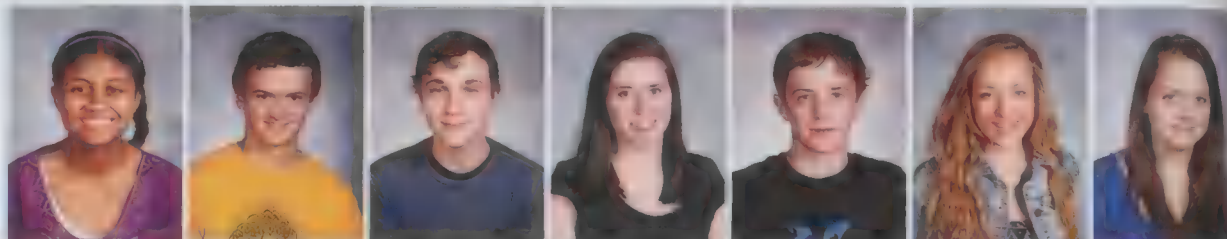


Nathan Tuft

"My favorite memory would be all the new friends I made, and also never getting a 'C' on my report card. By the time I graduate, I hope to go to prom and also receive the academic honors diploma."

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James Mavrogeanes  
Jessika McDonald  
Ryan McDonald  
Haley McGinley  
Emily McGuire



Emily McIlree  
Brooke McKeon  
Jack McQuestion  
Jacob Meadows  
Alexandra Medina  
Shane Meeter  
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Jennifer Melton  
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Zachary Miller  
Aaliyah Millikin  
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Jared Mischke  
Hatta Misra  
Madison Mitchell  
Veronica Mockus  
Andrew Moen  
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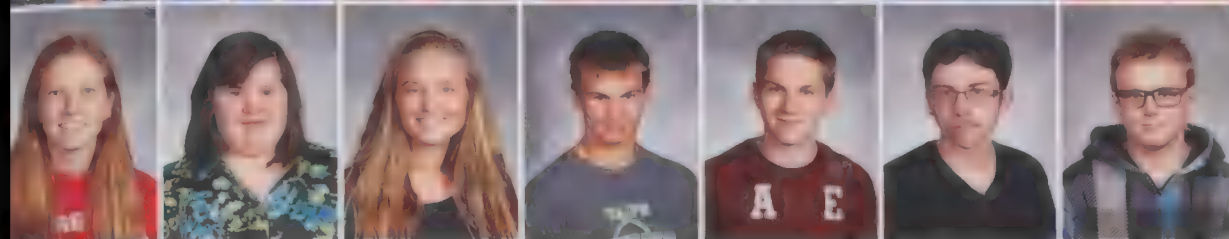
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Kailey Pappas  
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Katherine Penman



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Dahlilah Pepin  
Victor Peres  
Dylan Pero  
Kearis Perry-Jones  
Anna Pfister  
Katelynn Philpott



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Breanna Pozen  
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Gianni Pupillo



Kailey Puszkiewicz  
Brad Rafferty  
Karina Ramirez-Alvarez  
Francisco Ramos  
Brennan Ramsey  
Amy Rappa  
Christopher Rardin



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Abigail Street  
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Camille Thiros  
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Connor Wolf  
Georgia Wong  
Michael Yallourakis  
Dalia Yehyaw  
Jaden Zahm

Kyle Zellers  
Thomas Zimmerman

## Our Favorite Disney Movies

"Simba is actually my favorite Disney character overall. I felt more emotionally invested in him than any other character."

**-Alan Lechuga**

**The Lion King**  
14%

"'Let it Go' gets stuck in my head far more often than it should."

**-Grant Wild**

**Frozen**  
12%

"My favorite character is Dory because she forgets things and she's funny."

**-Shelby D'Aloisio**

**Finding Nemo**  
8%

"My favorite character is Woody because he's a cowboy."

**-Bella Gonzales**

**Toy Story**  
8%

### Other Top Picks

Lilo & Stitch- 6%

Aladdin- 5%

The Little Mermaid- 5%

Cinderella- 5%

Tangled- 4%

Beauty and the Beast- 3%

Alice in Wonderland- 3%

Dumbo- 2%



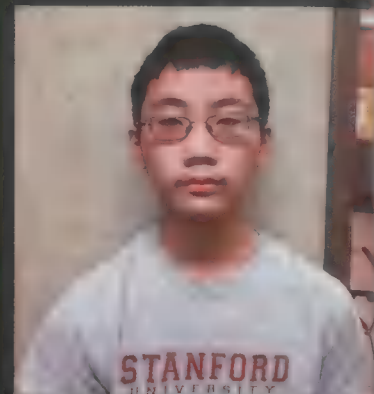
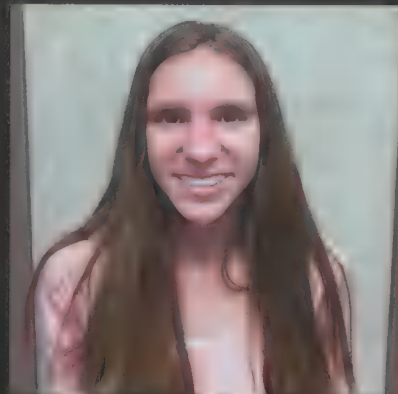
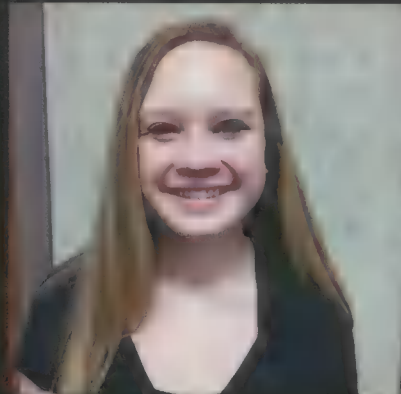
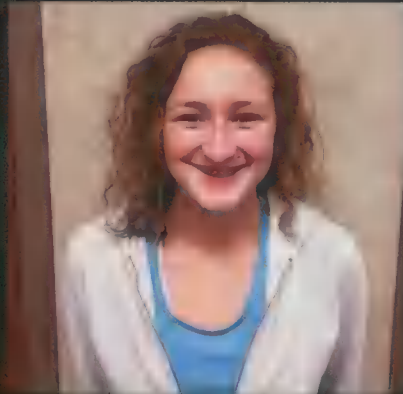
# Freshman Officers

Keeley Evans

Gabrielle Green

Alex Skinner

Nathan Lin



*President*

*Vice President*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

In any situation, it's not easy adapting to new surroundings. In addition to trying to feel comfortable in an unfamiliar, more intimidating scholastic environment, these four students assumed positions of responsibility. **Keeley Evans** was the president of the freshman class, **Gabrielle Green** the vice president, **Alex Skinner** the secretary and **Nathan Lin** the treasurer.

Instead of being assigned specific projects, the freshman officers were encouraged to assist with various tasks that the officers of the other grades were working on. Projects that the freshman officers assisted with included homecoming, the Mr. VHS pageant and the holiday gift drive.

Student Council advisor **Lauren Covington** commented on the freshman officers and their responsibilities.

"Although they aren't assigned anything specific like the other officers are, it's good to shadow them and gain some knowledge so they can gain some experience and know what to do in the future," Covington said. "They put together virtually the whole Mr. VHS display case, and that was very impressive."

The students themselves realized their leadership abilities just as effectively as their advisors did.

"The most rewarding part of being a freshman class officer was helping and guiding my peers and being someone they can look up to," Evans said. "I've discovered that I am a natural leader and like to be in charge."

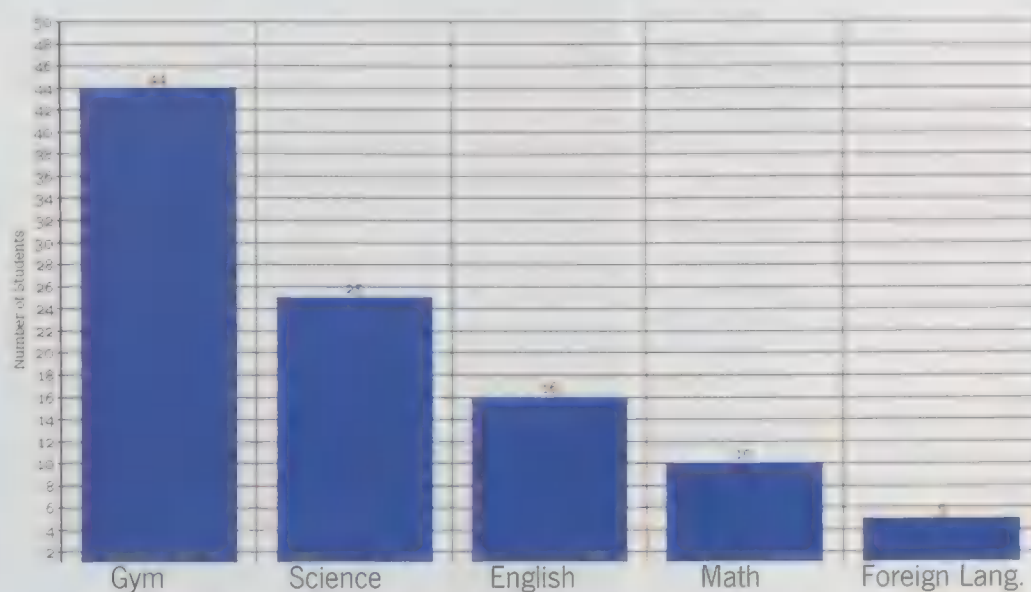
As well as realizing their level of leadership, the officers were conscious of how the experience could affect them down the road.

"Being an officer will help me be more responsible and prepared for college," Lin said. "It makes me more efficient."



# Favorite Subject

\*Survey of 100 freshmen reveals their favorite subjects



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Katrina Adam  
Emma Adams  
Alexandra Alburo  
Breanna Alexander  
Jenna Algozine  
Esther Allen  
Corbin Ames

Julia Amones  
Jose Angon  
Princess Anjorin  
Jorge Apolo  
Edward Armstrong  
Hasan Assa  
George Azar

Nathaniel Bailey  
Brailyn Baker  
Zackary Bales  
Jenna Barandela  
Nicholas Barnes  
Alexander Bartlett  
Andrew Bauer

Joshua Bauer  
Vanessa Beck  
Nicole Bednar  
Mychaela Bedoy  
Trey Beeler  
Timothy Bell  
Nathan Beller

Cora Bennett  
Megan Bentley  
Samuel Bernardi  
Alex Berry  
Aleah Beschinski  
Erik Bigger  
Kathryn Blank

Katherine Blauner  
Ryan Blazek  
Noah Bleza  
Matthew Blumenthal  
Ariel Blunk  
Emma Bobby  
Kevan Boland



Caroline Bonczyk  
Jacob Bond  
Rafael Bonilla  
Allison Bottorff  
Nolan Boubourekas  
Christopher Bower  
Autumn Brandt



Chase Brandt  
Cameron Brice  
Ian Bridegroom  
Rylee Briel  
Connor Brinson  
Caitlin Brown  
Diamond Brown



Joshua Brown  
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Trinity Brown  
Jacob Brys  
Isaiah Buck  
Nathan Budnik  
Rachel Budzielek



Geoffrey Buijck  
Jared Buls  
Liliana Burbee  
Carleese Burnett  
Adrianna Burton  
Sabrina Cameli  
Bailey Campbell



Nicholas Caputo  
Emily Carbello  
Elizabeth Cardona  
Gerrit Carlson  
Morgan Carnahan  
Alita Caron  
Melissa Cassady



Sadie Casteel  
Matthew Cavanaugh  
Lauren Celis  
Chase Charves  
Jessica Chau  
Anyssa Chavez  
Kayla Cheatham



Trent Cherechinsky  
Zachary Chnupa-Cox  
Demetra Christos  
Brittney Clark  
Lexi Clark  
Paige Clark  
Kassidy Clines



Grace Cobble  
Lucy Cobble  
Liam Cochran  
William Coe  
Alexander Coil  
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William Corneil



Jordan Counter  
Elianna Cox  
Raymond Crowley  
Kattlyn Cruz  
Eddie Curry  
Crystal Dado  
Megan Dalton







Christopher Daly  
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Julia Fink

Keenan Flannery  
Sarah Flannery  
Zachary Flasch  
Evan Fletcher  
Austin Florio  
Michael Fortner  
Cheyenne Forystek

Carl Frey  
Logan Fullenkamp  
Mollie Fulton  
Kaitlin Gall  
Kendall Galligan  
Kayla Gammon  
Daniel Gardner

## Freshmen Fears

Four freshmen share what scared them the most about entering high school



"My fear was showing up at the wrong class."  
-Brady DeLaney



"I was worried the upperclassmen were going to judge me."  
-Mollie Gniadek



"I was worried I wouldn't get cell signal or I would call my teachers 'Mom.'"  
-Logan Ripa



"My fear was the amount of homework getting bigger."  
-Sarah Flannery

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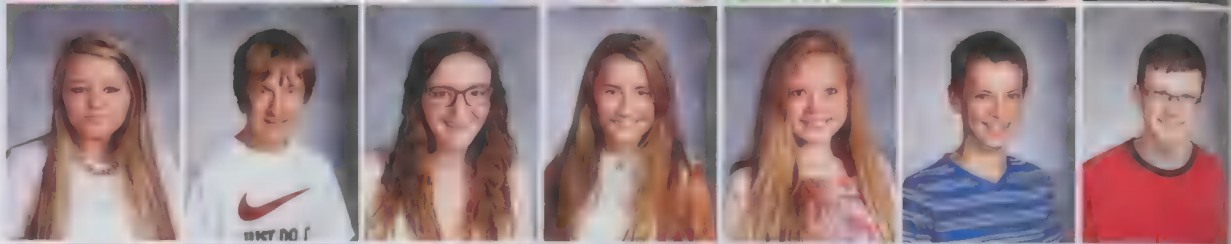
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Ria Gilliam  
Erna Gilliana  
Bobby Gjorskeski  
Mollie Gniadek  
George Goldfarb



Morgan Goodrich  
Matthew Graber  
Katherine Gray  
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Meagan Grott  
Michell Gutierrez  
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Lucas Hallow  
Karyssa Haney  
Damien Hansen  
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Tristan Hargett  
Trenton Harrington  
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Margaret Hayes  
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Darius Heard  
Evan Hegedus



Andrew Hein  
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Brianna Ingle  
Riley Ingram  
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Mary Johnson  
Curtis Jones  
Olivia Jordan  
Matthew Jorden



Isabel Kaariainen  
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Shenal Karunaratne  
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Samuel Klumpe  
Alexis Kotcamp



Benjamin Kroeger  
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Annika Kuehl  
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Elizabeth Kupsis  
Jacob Kurowski  
Ann Labroschian



Kelly Landry  
Marie Lange  
Joseph Lavalley  
Lindsey Lease  
Jacob Leffew  
James Leftridge  
Jacob Lemmon



Alexis Lemus  
Jacob Lenburg  
Nathan Lewis  
Nathaniel Lin  
Arianna Long  
Bailey Long  
Gabiella Lozano



Margeaux Lustina  
Maycie Macdonald  
Mia Magnetti  
Fatima Mahmud  
Charles Malachinski  
Maria Mamouzelos  
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Jenna Marsh  
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Isabella Massarella  
Valerie Massey  
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Jacob Mathews  
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 Joseph McMurtrey



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 Valeria Mendoza  
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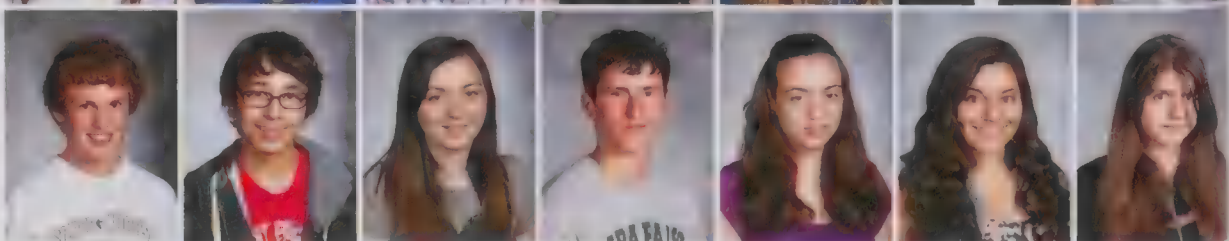
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 Cameron Palmer  
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Ethan Patrick  
 Tyrus Pawlik  
 Zoe Payne  
 Terry Peek  
 Nicole Pendowski  
 Anna Perdicologos  
 Alexandra Peschel





# What celebrities do these students look like?



1. Chase Charves

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2. Austin Florio

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3. Emma Nieto

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4. Nicholas Gayda

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Answers:

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Lilith Quint  
Viviana Ramirez  
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Nesita Reynolds  
Zachary Richey  
Courtney Rickstrom

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Abigail Rosselot  
Taylor Rossetti  
Justin Roth  
Michael Roy  
Timothy Rubacha



Emma Runnion  
Mason Russell  
Thomas Russell  
Gabrielle Rutkowski  
Mya Sabody  
Cheryl Sabol  
Summer Sails



Alexia Sanchez  
Zane Sanders  
Isabel Sanjuan  
Ricardo Santiago  
Zachery Sauer  
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Michael Scarsella



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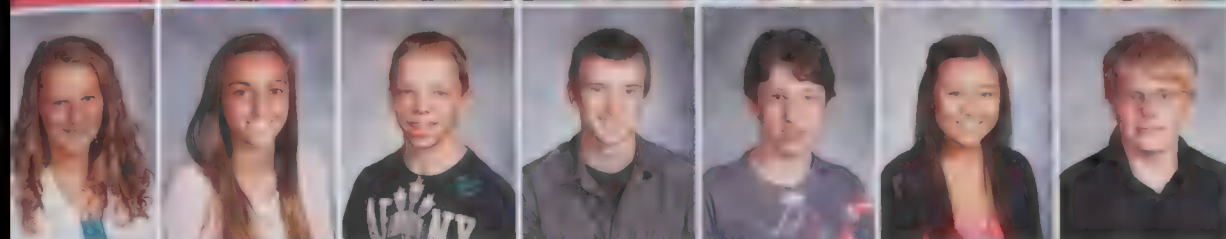
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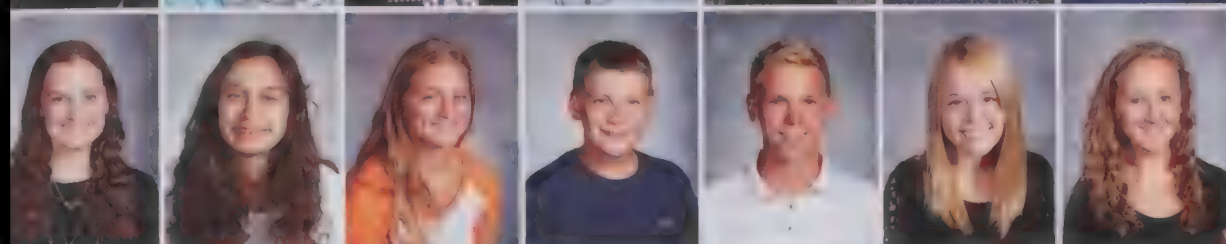
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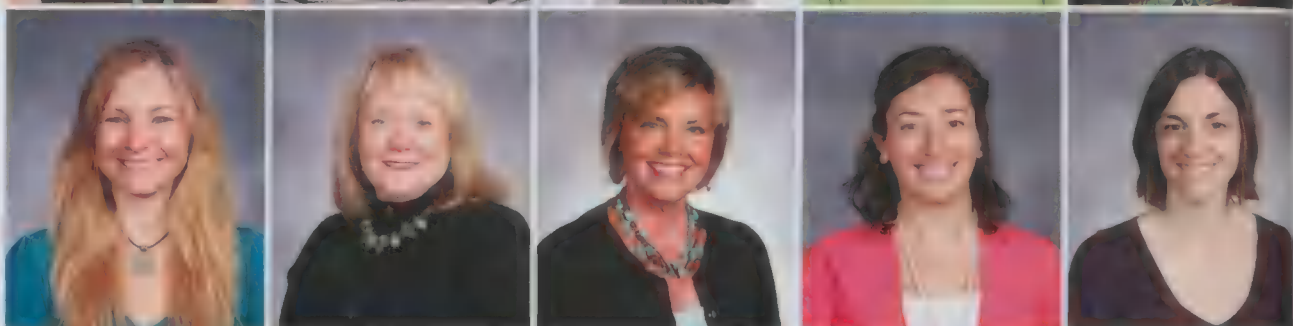
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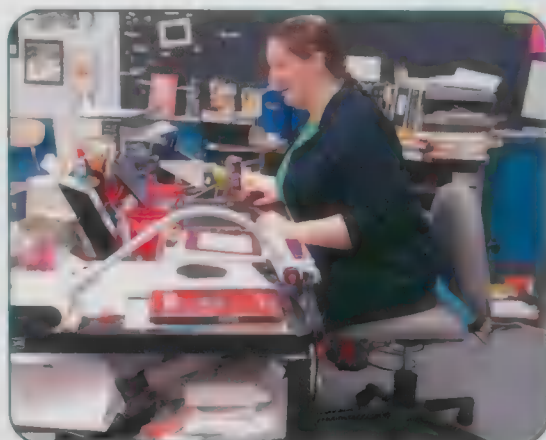
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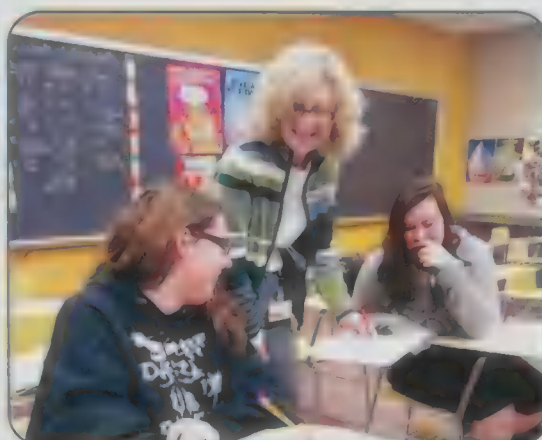
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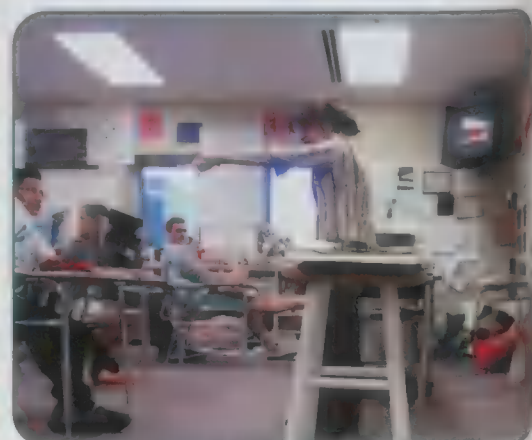
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Kathryn Cichocki enters grades into the computer.



Patti Brady helps freshmen Emily Osberg and Annie Labroschian.



Cathy Sparks teaches her students.

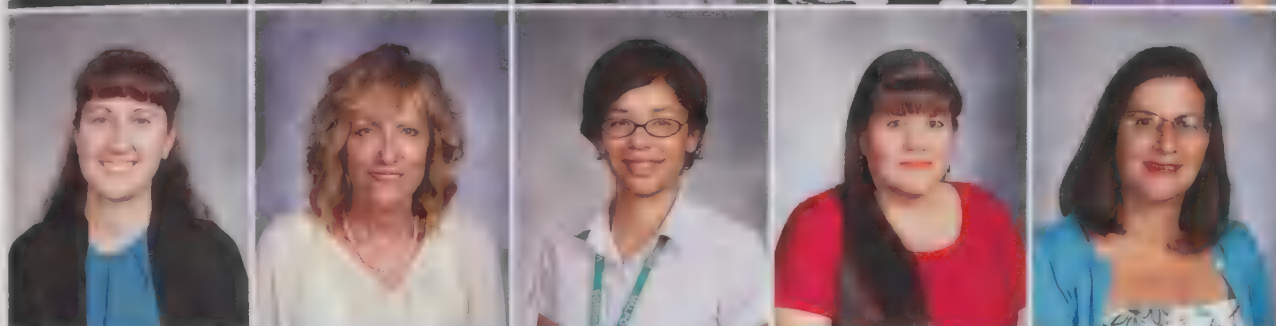




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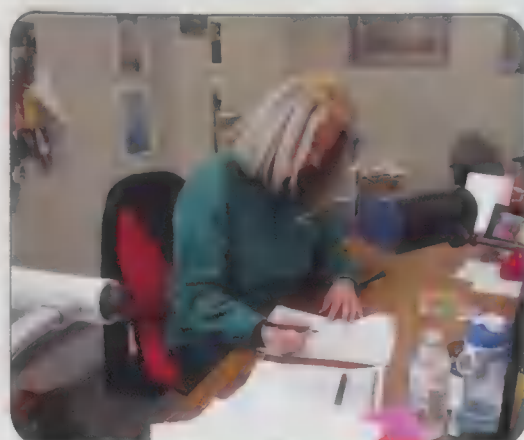
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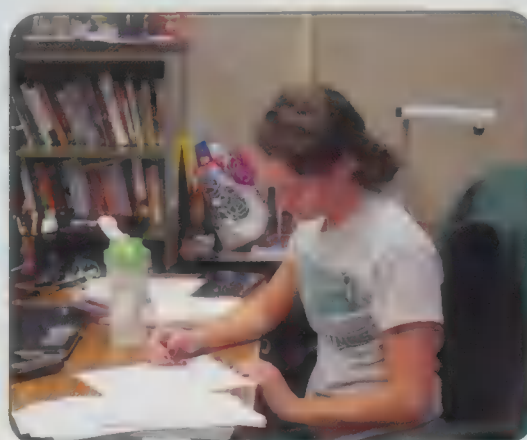
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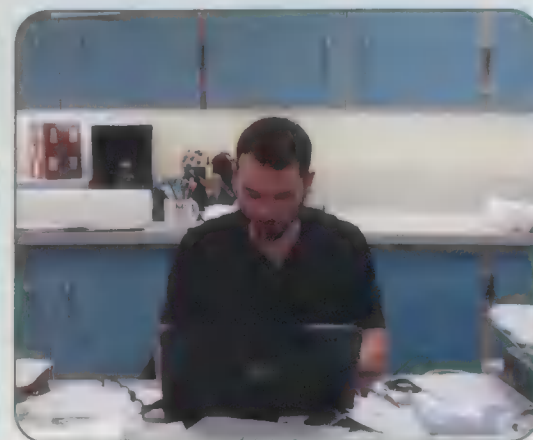
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**Melissa Stoltzfus** grades papers.



**Valerie Contreras** grades homework.



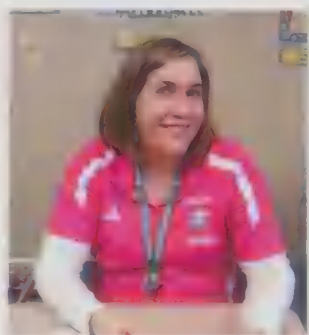
**Matt Snoeyink** puts grades in RDS.



# Faculty

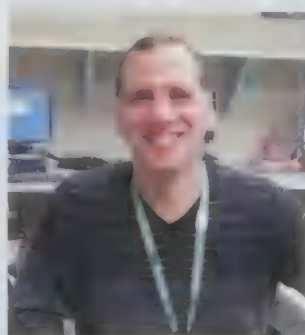
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## What is the craziest homework excuse you have ever heard?



Kara Wissing

"The student left their homework in the car, which was repossessed."



Robert Cespedes

"My little brother ate my homework!"



Susan Hoffman

"My student teacher had a student that said his homework got sucked up by a vacuum."



Matt Hefner

"I lost all my students' homework when my car got stolen and the homework was in the car."



Ben Kerezman

"I was physically unable to do it."



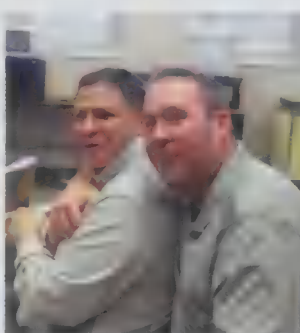
Casey McKim

"I didn't have time because I was up all night playing 'Call of Duty.'"



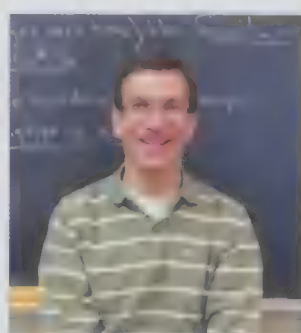
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"My puppy peed on it."



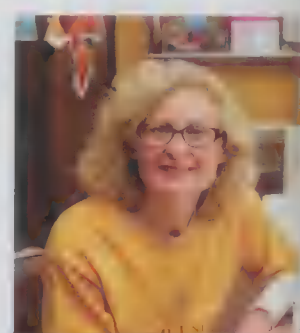
Ryan Labis

"He left it at his hotel during spring break even though I assigned it three days after break."



Brett Polizotto

"I left my pencil at school."



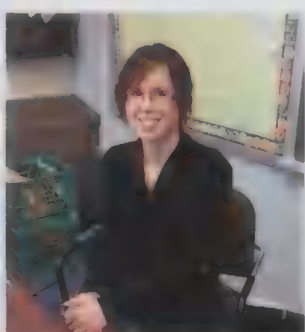
Patti Brady

"When I got home I took a nap. When I woke up, my mom took the car to the shop and my bag was in it."



Benjamin Lieske

"My little brother ate it, and it was turned in with bite marks."



Stephanie Lee

"He left it in his car, which was stolen."



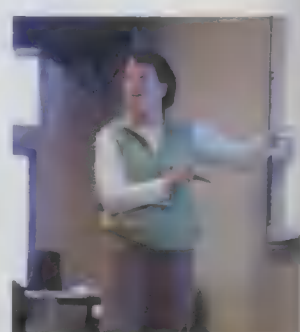
Jose Rodea

"Me: All your answers are wrong. Student: How come? My mom did it and she knows Spanish."



Catherine Sparks

"A wire fell on his house so he had to evacuate, and he left the homework in the house."



Rhonda Coffin

"I spilled coffee all over my paper and thought I didn't have to turn it in."



# Which teacher belongs to which childhood photo?



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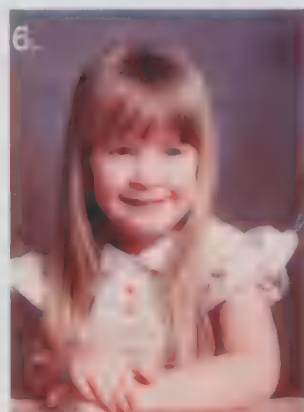
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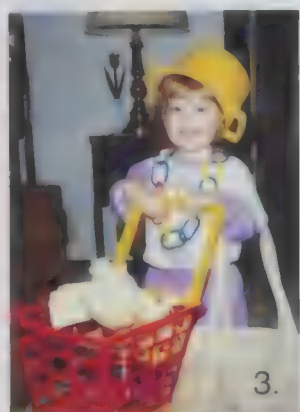
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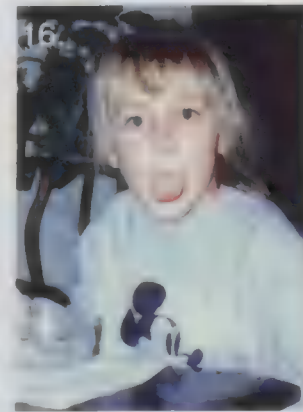
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4. A. Heidi Bernardi  
B. Michelle Saloman

5. A. Chantel Melchi  
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B. Kara Wissing
12. A. Ginger Sajdera  
B. Patti Brady

13. A. Cathy Sparks  
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# More Students...

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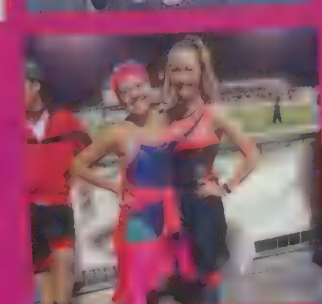
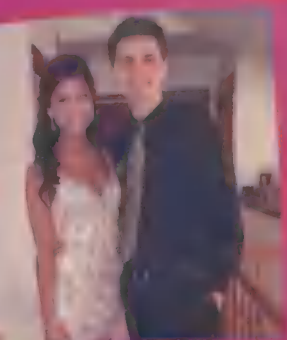
At the very beginning of the school year, the Valenian staff wanted more students to be involved in the yearbook process. The staff as a whole challenged the student body to use social media to their advantage. These are the photos we compiled from the most common social media apps of students who chose to use the hashtag "VHSValenian" on their photos.

## #VHSVALENIAN



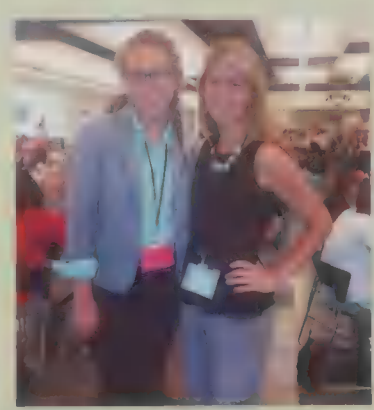
1. A group of seniors pose for a picture during lunch.
2. Students involved in Campus Life pose a group shot.
3. The gymnastics team poses for a photo before heading off to nationals.





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# Valpo Athletics





# What was the most memorable sports moment of this year?

"When Notre Dame shut out Michigan!"  
-Ian Sullivan, 12

"Cole Herman & Burkard Wolf getting the crowd pumped up with pre-game dance routines!"  
-Connor Wolf, 10

"When Tyler Ellrich asked me to be his girlfriend at the homecoming game. Ugh, I love him!!"  
-Stephanie Rubin, 12

"Fry's basketball team beating Chesterton and everyone being proud!" -Lauren Parilly, 12

"When Mr. Pavell chanted with the students against Chesterton!" -Austin Line, 11

"When the Velloo basketball are in a good mood after a win!"  
-Blake Marshall, 11

"When Foster Breen gave the ball so hard she knocked out the girl from Chesterton!"  
-Mia Cavallaro, 11

"Australia won the cricket World Cup. I love Australia!" -Julia Petric, 10

"Neymar Jr. getting it to the finals in the World Cup!"  
-Nicholas Thandorath, 12

"When we beat Chesterton in basketball!"  
-Emily Miller, 12

"Luis Messi winning the golden ball at the World Cup in Brazil!"  
-Joan Acuña, 12

"Beating Chesterton in Regionals 5-1!!!!!"  
-Kelly Lantry, 9

"When I got a triple in mat ball!"  
-Julia Petric, 12

"The whole senior class all being trying together on the football field after their last game!"  
-Jason Stewart, 12

"Basketball DMC championship!"  
-Evan Wells, 11

"Beating Chesterton 5-1!!!!!"  
-Nicole Knott, 11

"The left teams performance at the Senior Bowl!!!!!"  
-Ashley Thomas, 12

"Cuba won the World Baseball Classic!" -Bryce Heather, 12

"When we won Homecoming!" -Cody Hamilton, 12

"Not watching any sports at all!" -Mia Johnson, 12

"Manning my future college. Purdue University, is dumb as they shoot for a 3 pointer to win the basketball game when they only needed 2 points." -Abbie Sutton, 12

"The seahawks losing the Super Bowl!" -Tyron Ford, 12

"Beating Chesterton!" -John Carr, 13

"Running over 100 down red backs at football home game. 19-7!" -Nicole Bednar, 9

"Velloo Girls Soccer beating Chesterton 5-0 again at the National Championship!" -Ashley Thomas, 12

"When we won!"  
-Jack McQuinn, 10



# Arise to Glory

## Varsity Football

The football team showed up to the Portage game Oct. 10 in their pink laces and chin straps. At their homecoming game, they wanted to support all of the people who have been affected by breast cancer.

During the game, senior **Jake Wild** said to his teammates, "Guys, we need to play this game for every person out there who is fighting against cancer."

Then senior **Jack Feltgen** added, "Let's fight for everybody who has cancer, guys!"

In the offensive huddle, **Coach Sam Bernardi** said to the team, "Let's do this boys." Then they beat the Portage Indians that night with a score of 27-13.



### MVP

**Johnny  
Steiner, 12**



	Us	Them
Penn	3	35
Homestead	12	39
LaPorte	19	14
Michigan City	14	21
Chesterton	7	23
Crown Point	24	27
Merrillville	6	36
Portage	27	13
Lake Central	7	24
Sectionals-	7	17
Chesterton		

**Overall Record: 2-8**



Row 1: Emily Paff, Baylee Staack, Rachel Reilly, Brittany Brice, Alyssa Hooks, Amyla Wooden, Mallory Thomas, Abbey Thomas, Lexi Barnes, Caroline Miller, Madison Buyer, Kate White, Madison Daniels  
 Row 2: Julia Amores, Maggie Melchi, Julia Gibson, Zoe Sanders, Lucy Emma Patterson, Erin Turner, Taylor Segally, Julia Michaels, Michaels, Sofia Sommers, Lauren Ahrendt, Jenna Mitchell, Ebone Ivory, Kim Jankowski, Kathryn Jankowski, Lauren Rarity, Rachael Wexelberg  
 Row 3: Devin Jaremczuk, John Nevarez, Billy Baldwin, John Steiner, Sean Curtis, Chris Pense, Grant Wild, Dakota Taylor, Patrick Kelly, Brandon Steele, Smiley, Greg Lichtenberger, Michael Lichtenberger  
 Row 4: Koebecke, Jacob Horn, Aaron Smrekar, Sean Miller, Joey Carbello, Josh Vecchi, Griffin Jelenski, Kyle Campaniello, Danny Wampner, Jeremy Wardell, Jacob Stewart, Zach Jones, Collin Vinyard  
 Row 5: Deveon Williams, TJ Woods, Tyler Curtis, Josh Harner, DaMonte Price, Carson Krutz, Jacob Wild, Bryce Crook, Nicholas Martin, Gabe Brewer, Boston Jarvis, Jordan Swenson, Noah Case  
 Row 6: Joe Nelson, Kennor Minko, Lucas Schultz, Bobby Lee, Jared Smolar, Zach Martakis, Dylan Johnson, Alex Thomas, Miguel Suarez, Hunter DeMan, Wyatt Coto, Aaron Harris  
 Row 7: Liam McGrath, Matt Mayes, John Kunze, Justin Rospond, Tyler Gall, Austin Ford, Kyle Krsak, Spencer Dumas, Ben Staples, Jack Feltgen, Chris Orlich, Colin Ahearn, Drake Barton  
 Row 8: Logan McKinney, Joseph Rios, Matt Brennecke, Tony Castanon, Joey Grudzien, Clinton Welton, Michael Mann, Patrick Olsen, Carter Dalhgren, Sam Nowosad, John Nowosad, Tristan Kollar, Ian Suttles  
 Row 9: Ed Howe, Alex Kukurugya, Justin Duty, Luke Sanders, Eric Hess, Zach Stearns, Jake Bryan, Jay Bisacky  
 Row 10: Rhona Gilliam, Arielle Malavolta, Abbigale Taylor, Claire Brennecke, Carrisa Steele, Gabby Harper, Meghan Gallagher, Abby Stewart  
 Row 11: Lauren Covington, Coach Keith Gilliland, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Bill Marshall, Coach Sam Bernardi, Coach Eric Kennedy, Coach Kurt Minko, Coach Dave Coyle, Coach Ben Lieske, Coach Casey McKim, Coach Chase Garbison, Coach Jake Plesac, Coach John Davis, Coach Del Pittman







The team runs out on the field against Portage on Oct. 10.



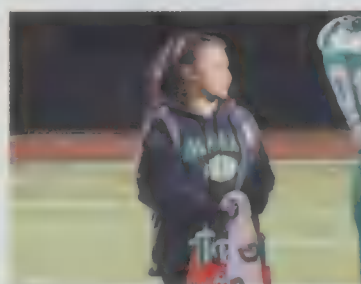
On Oct.10, senior **Collin Vinyard** runs to get a first down.

"What is the best thing about football?"



**Eric Hess, 11**

"...the trust and the friendship I have with my fellow teammates."



**Rhona Gilliam, 12**

"...being in the action on Friday nights."



**Joseph Rios, 10**

"...the environment on the field."



**Matthew Brennecke, 12**

"...playing my favorite sport with my best friends and competing to win."



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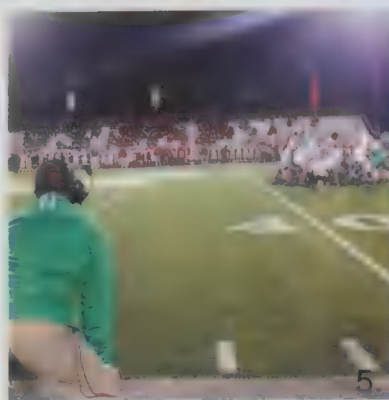
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1.Coach **Bill Marshall** walks the team out to start the game against Portage.

2.The field through the eyes of a football player.

3.The VHS linemen push for a first down.

4.The team meets to stop Portage from getting a first down.

5.Coach **Dave Coyle** watches his team.

6.Senior **Johnny Steiner** blocks the extra point.



## Junior Varsity Overall Record: 7-1

The Junior Varsity football team played each game until the very end. This non-stop effort showed in the scores and outcomes. The boys tied for the Duneland Athletic Conference title with the Merrillville Pirates. They tackled their goals this year with a lot of pride. They plan to work hard during the off-season to earn a Varsity spot or to come back and control the conference again.



The boys shake hands with their rival, Chesterton, after a victory.



The boys huddle together to get pumped for the game and to talk strategy.



The teams work on their strategies with the Marshall.



The ball gets handed off in an attempt to get the ball.



Lucas Schultz gets tackled by a Chesterton player.



The Varsity Varsity beat their rival, the Chesterton Tigers, at the Chesterton football stadium. The boys came out with a victory.

## Key Players

#30



Zach Jones

#13



Aaron Harris

#82



Griffin Jelenski



Sophomore Patrick Kelly watches on during the game and discusses the upcoming play with Coach McKim.





# Work Hard, Play Harder *Freshman Football*

Although it was the boys' first season of high school football, the freshman team finished with a record of 5-3 overall and were 5-2 in the Duneland Athletic Conference. The boys came to work hard at practice everyday, and it showed in the games. The freshmen coaches mentioned that they enjoyed watching the transition from middle school to high school football for the players. "I admired the work ethic the boys brought to practice everyday; it definitely made the coaches' jobs easier at practice," **Coach Ben Lieske** said. A tough loss against Penn began the season in August, but that did not hold the team back. They accomplished the team goals of sitting near the top of the conference and made large improvements in play over the course of the season. Next year, the players will move up to make an impact on JV or Varsity.

**Overall Record: 5-3**

1. The offense lines up against the Trojan defense.
2. **Charlie Healy** evades a defender on the quarterback.
3. **Marcus Gholston** runs out to score the touchdown.
4. **Michael Scarsella** goes up for the pick.



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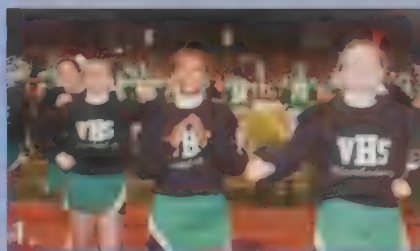
# Cheer



Row 1: Abbey Thomas, Mallory Thomas, Amyla Wooden  
 Row 2: Brittany Brice, Alyssa Hooks, Caroline Miller, Alexis Barnes  
 Row 3: Rachel Reilly, Madison Buyer, Katherine White, Bailee Staack  
 Row 4: Coach Kara Wissing, Emily Paff, Madison Daniels, Coach Cindy Sabella



Row 1: Madison Daniels, Tyler Patrick, Brittany Marchetti, Mallory Thomas, Amyla Wooden, Katherine White, Rachel Reilly  
 Row 2: Loren Eichelberger, Caroline Miller, Brittany Brice, Madeline Vinyard, Abbey Thomas, Emily Paff, Hanna Thomas, Bailee Staack  
 Row 3: Alfonso Casaday, Jakob Bryan, Coach Cindy Sabella, Coach Kara Wissing, Jack Feltgen, Garet Paul



1. Junior **Alexis Barnes**, sophomore **Katherine White**, and seniors **Amyla Wooden** and **Mallory Thomas** encourage the Viking Nation to cheer.  
 2. The team cheers on the girls basketball team against Michigan City.



*What is the best part of being on the cheer team?*

"The best part of being on the cheer team was feeling close to not only my team but the coaches as well."

-**Sara Lynch**, 10



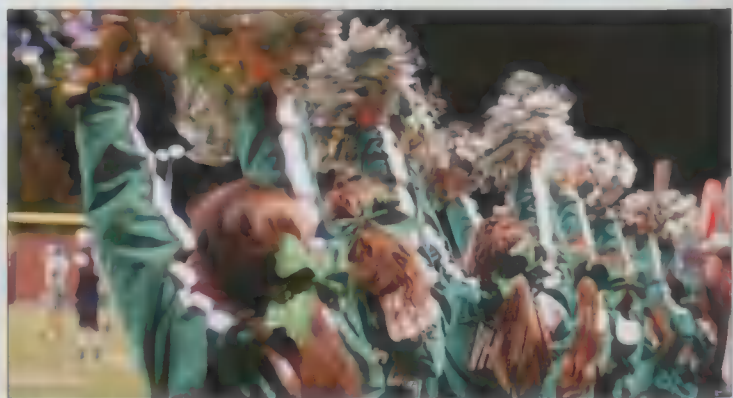
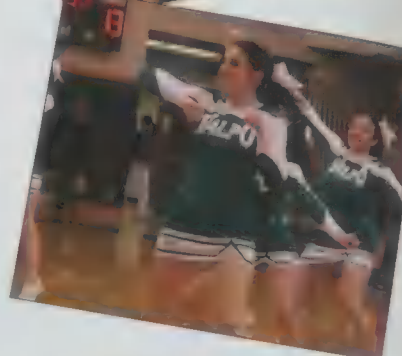
"The best part of being on the cheer team is working together as a team to hit new stunts and coming up with creative ideas to show school spirit."

-**Rachel Reilly**, 10



"The best part of being on the cheer team is working hard to accomplish new stunts and skills."

-**Abbey Thomas**, 11



The team waves their pom-poms and cheers on the football team during an away game.

## Mallory Thomas

Senior **Mallory Thomas** held many roles on the 2014-2015 cheer team. She was the team captain and the fall MVP.



## Rachel Reilly

Sophomore **Rachel Reilly** was nominated the winter MVP and was honored at the Winter Sports Banquet.







The Vikettes hold out their flags during the halftime show of the Homecoming football game.



The Vikettes watch the football game from the sidelines.



Sophomore **Eboné Ivory** dances at the basketball halftime.



The Vikettes pose after they perform "Crazy in Love" by Beyonce.



The Vikettes hold out their flags as they cheer on the football team coming onto the field.

# Vikettes



Row 1: Jenna Mitchell, Kimberly Jankowski, Taylor Segally, Erin Turner, Zoe Sanders, Lauren Rarity  
Row 2: Lauren Ahrendt, Natalie Michaels, Julia Michaels, Emma Patterson, Rachael Wexelberg  
Row 3: Eboné Ivory, Margaret Melchi, Sofia Sommers, Julia Gibson, Lucille Mellen, Julia Amones, Kathryn Jankowski, Coach Molly Phelps



Row 1: Codi Hamilton, Zoe Sanders, Kimberly Jankowski, Erin Turner, Jenna Mitchell, Taylor Segally, Lauren Rarity  
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Row 3: Eboné Ivory, Natalie Michaels, Madison Haittsma, Jozslyn Hil, Lucy Mellen, Coach Molly Phelps

## What was your favorite dance to preform?

**Julia Amones, 9**

"My favorite dance to perform was "Black Widow" because it had more of a dancer feel but was still poms. It was also hard hitting, and the music was really cool."

**Jenna Mitchell, 12**

"My favorite dance was 'A Little Party' because it was the first dance of the year!"



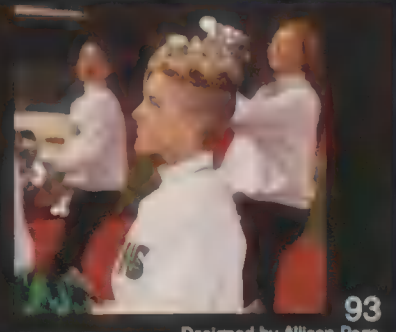
## Erin Turner

Senior **Erin Turner** was not only the Vikette team captain but also the fall MVP.



## Kimberly Jankowski

Senior **Kimberly Jankowski** was nominated the 2015 winter MVP at the winter sports banquet.





# "Every Viking Counts"

## Boys Cross Country

"Can we wear gloves?"

Varsity runner **Isaiah Smith** asked the starter at the DAC meet at Sunset Hill on Oct. 4. It might have been snowing, but it might have been raining. Nobody was entirely sure.

Despite the cold and numerous other setbacks (including a tibia stress fracture on the JV team and most of the Varsity team graduating in

previous years), the Varsity boys won the DAC meet, placed second at sectionals, won regionals, and breezed straight through semi-state right to the state competition for the 41st time in school history, where they placed 15th of 24 schools.

If coach **Aaron Crague** could sum up the team in one word, it would be "heart. Having graduated so many seniors, our team was considered a long shot to make the State Championship meet, but the guys never lost sight of their goals, worked incredibly hard to uphold the great Valpo Cross tradition, and proved the critics wrong by advancing to the finals."

### Varsity Record

Elkhart Christian Academy	1st
Gavit Invite	1st
State Preview Meet	2nd
Rensselaer Invite	1st
New Prairie Invite	4th
DAC	1st
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	1st
Semi State	4th
State Finals	15th



Row 1: Evan Southwell, Carlos Martinez, Joshua Runyan, Jonathan Zygmunt, Carl Frey  
 Row 2: Zachary Kroll, Courtlin Kelly, Aaron Finley, Charles Vamos, Daniel Dalton, Logan Fullenkamp, William Corneil  
 Row 3: Ethan McChristian, William Marischen, Zachary Bauer, Alexander Horb, Collin Huber, Caleb McChristian  
 Row 4: Matthew Cavanaugh, George Azar, Gerardo Perez, Nathaniel Bailey, Nicholas Quartucci, Louie Greanias  
 Row 5: Logan Meeter, David Juhl, Jack Gabrish, Camden Davison, Robert Schenck, Isaiah Smith, Coach Aaron Crague



### Post-race Exhaustion

1: Runners **Carl Frey**, **Joshua Runyan**, **Evan Southwell**, **Logan Meeter**, **Danny Dalton**, and **Isaiah Smith** recover from their 5K run at Sunset Hill on Oct. 4. The boys placed first in the meet. 2: Freshman **Carlos Martinez** catches his breath, having spent the rest of his energy in the last 100 meters. 3: Junior **Jack Gabrish** sprints across the finish line into the chute after passing two runners around the final bend.



### More Than Just a Runner MVR

**Danny Dalton** 11th Grade





## What was the funniest thing that happened this season?



"We were doing a workout before conference and running down a hill and I fell. I got all muddy, and everyone started laughing at me."

Daniel Dalton, 11



"The funniest thing that happened this season was when Alex Horb bathed in the course at DAC."

Bob Schenck, 12

## Freezing on the Sidelines

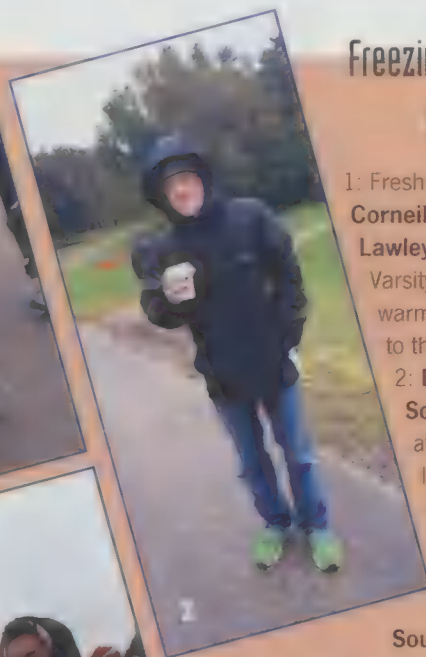
1: Freshmen **Will Corneil** and **Alex Lawley** carry the Varsity boys' warm-ups back to their tent.

2: **Evan Southwell** attends the last home meet to cheer on the team.

**Southwell**

had an injury toward the end of the season and was out for the last few meets.

3: **Ethan McChristian** and **Gerardo Perez** bundle up and keep warm on a 38-degree October day. "The blanket is the wrong color, but I'm cold!" **McChristian** said.



At the sound of the gun, the boys JV team as well as 100 other runners take off from the start line.



JV runners **Will Corneil**, **Nick Quartucci**, **Alex Lawley**, **Gianni Pupillo**, and **Nathan Bailey** stay warm on the bus before their race at Sunset Hill.



"It needs to be 80 degrees soon," said **Camden Davison** as he and **Zachary Kroll** cheer on the JV girls.



Nathaniel Bailey



Camden Davison



Jank-Gabriel and Isaiah Smith

Designed by Emily Schott



## Team Spirit

1: JV runners  
Maycie  
Macdonald,  
Julia Fink,  
Bailey  
Henderlong,  
Megan  
Dalton, Lucy  
Cobble, and  
Mary  
Thate join  
the team  
huddle  
for a pre-  
race  
talk.



## What was your proudest moment?

"My proudest moment was getting my [personal record] at the Wildcat Invite."

Aleksa Reed, 11



"My proudest moment was watching the girls run at State; it was so great to see how we worked so hard to redeem ourselves."

Jane Tullis, 11

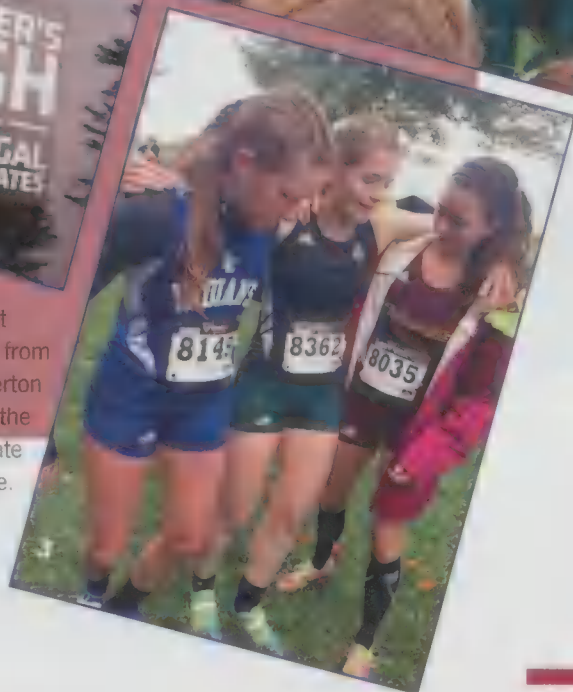
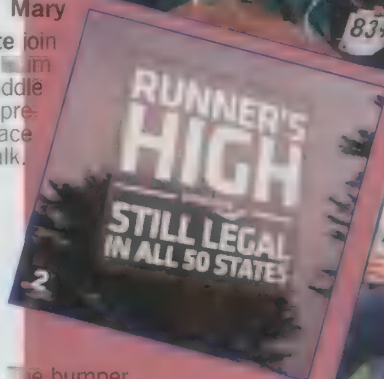


"Getting through the season, working hard, and making friends."

Shelby Lemmon, 12



2: The bumper sticker on the car waiting at the finish line. 3: Runners from Lake Central and Chesterton meet junior Ellie Joll at the finish chute to congratulate her on a great race.



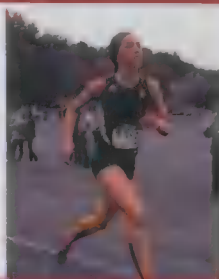
The varsity ladies huddle up for a few words from the coach. The girls went on to win sectionals and advance to regionals the next week.



JV runners stretch and keep warm while they wait for the end of the boys' race. Everyone was hiding on the east side of any building they could find to avoid the wind.



"You did it, Esther, you're number 12," freshman Morgan Murphy congratulates an exhausted Esther Allen, freshman, on her 12th place finish in the DAC meet.



Hendrik Gierke



Tyronne Fink



Esther Allen



Shelby Fuchus



Sara Van Dier



Allison Murdoch



Drew Davis and Taylor Rouse



# More Than Just a Race

## Girls Cross Country



Row 1: Shelby Kucharyski, Megan Dalton, Elena Kipp, Elizabeth Brown, Logan Ferngren, Sydnye Nosbusch  
 Row 2: Alena Tonne, Natalie Gruszka, Abigail Mitchell, Alison Mundell, Taesa Stock, Ellie Joll, Aleksa Reed, Kelly Lyp  
 Row 3: Isabella Iussig, Daniella Zarate, Esther Allen, Mary Warner, Madeline Hathoot, Bailey Henderlong, Erin Shaw  
 Row 4: Coach Adam Nellessen, Morgan Murphy, Shelby Lemmon, Taylor Kovats, Lucy Cobble, Julia Rohde, Maycie Macdonald, Samantha Van Dam, Coach John Arredondo

### Varsity Record

Rudy Scorupa Invite	1st
Lyons Invite	1st
Wildcat Invite	1st
New Prairie Invite	7th
Palatine Invite	21st
DAC	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	1st
Semi-State	4th
State Finals	15th

The girls cross country team showed up to the regional meet at New Prairie on Oct. 18, sporting brand new pink tops in support of breast cancer awareness. Junior **Natalie Gruszka's** mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009 and is now a survivor. Natalie wrote a speech the following year for speech class entitled "A Blessing in Disguise,"

describing all the incredible support her mother and the rest of her family received from the school and community. "What seemed horrible turned into something positive," Gruszka said.

The ladies had won sectionals and were now about to dominate the track at regionals. They went on to win the entire meet, and freshman **Logan Ferngren** was the first runner to cross the finish line, having passed the only girl who beat her at sectionals!

The girls went on to semi-state and advanced to the state competition, where they placed 15th among 24 schools.

### More Than Just a Runner

MVR

Logan  
 Ferngren,  
 9th Grade



### Bundle Up & Tough it Out

1: Junior **Natalie Gruszka** ties her shoe while the Varsity girls warm up at the DAC meet at Sunset Hill. 2: Members of the Varsity team (**Natalie Gruszka, Elena Kipp, Julia Rohde, Alison Mundell, Alana Tonne, Ellie Joll**) return to the starting line after warming up. 3: Freshman **Lucy Cobble**, senior **Bailey Henderlong**, and junior **Francie Fink** share a few blankets and cheer for the Varsity boys.

Designed by Emily Schott 97



# Some Dream about Goals; We Make Them!

## *Boys JV/ Varsity Soccer*

Freshman  
**Chris Bower**  
runs after the  
ball as an  
opponent  
breaks away.



Row 1: Justin Roth, Chris Bower, Blake Mersman, Evan Fletcher, Gerrit Carlson, Jacob Wells  
Row 2: Blaise Sellers, Will Shideler, Bobby Gjorseski, Jared Mischke, Will Weismann, Tucker Anthony, Ryan Blazek  
Row 3: Sam Klumpe, Sam Peterson, Nick Gayda, Ryan Shrader, Jorge Apolo, Brendan Devine, Colin Thompson  
Row 4: Daniel Jettich, Darko Latinovic, Scott Fisher, George Goldfarb, Ian Norris, Elliot Brooks, Jacob Herren, Jovan Jettich



Sophomore **Ian Norris** and  
freshman **Jacob Herren** jog  
down the field.

**JV Overall Record 6-4-5**



Freshman **Jacob Wells** takes  
control of the ball.



Sophomore **Ryan Rospond**,  
defending the ball while playing  
Varsity, said, "My favorite thing  
about playing soccer, is the  
rush I get when taking the ball  
from my opponent."





Senior **William Yogan** passes the ball down the field. He said, "My most memorable moment was being swarmed by my team after winning in penalty kicks against Michigan City and Merrillville."

Nathan Dawson take away the ball from the opposing team.

	Us	Them
LaPorte	4	1
Westfield	1	1
Chesterton	0	2
Michigan City	6	5
Penn	1	0
Highland	0	0
Merrillville	3	2
St. Joseph	0	0
Elkhart Cen.	1	2
Crown Point	2	1
Northridge	1	0
Homestead	1	0
Lake Central	2	3
Portage	2	1
Munster	0	2
Chesterton	0	2

**Overall Record: 8-3-5**



On Sept. 6, junior **Ryan Miles** kicks a corner kick against Penn High School.

**"The Star on the Field"**  
senior Jarod Bradley, received the award of this year's MVP. "I was really surprised to see that I won the award. It's been a great season, and this just made it even better."



Row 1: Riley Owens, Jacob Devine, Michael Deedrick, Jarod Bradley, Nicholas Pontrelli  
Row 2: Alec Rittgers, Nathan Dawson, Samuel Klemz, Caleb Wilson, Christian Sayers, Ryan Miles, Thomas Lyp  
Row 3: Jose Apolo, Abelardo Soriano- Flores, Matt Yogan, Ryan Rospond, Anthony Carpenter, Aiden Watson  
Row 4: Daniel Jeftich, Jovan Jeftich, Steven Fisher, Brenden Gerig, Baker Harris, William Yogan, Jacob Wallace, Darko Latinovic





## Junior Varsity

Overall Record: 6-4-3



The Junior Varsity Captains: freshman **Courtney Thomas** and sophomore **Brooke Isroff**. "Being the Captain, I felt looked up to. I loved being the leader and guiding the girls when they needed help," Isroff said.



The Junior Varsity MVP, honored at the Fall Sports Banquet, was freshman **Astrid Trapp**. She was a very versatile player, excelling at any position. She was also pulled up to Varsity for the post season.



Row 1: Noel Villaseñor, Emma Pollit, Allie Miller, Isabel Banuelas, Lupita Banuelas, Mia Magnetti  
Row 2: Brooke Isroff, Victoria Dawson, Rylee Briel, Peyton Mahlmann, Courtney Thomas, McKenna Hancock, Katie Sherman  
Row 3: Coach Stewart Cherry, Marissa Cavanaugh, Madeline Miltenberger, Astrid Trapp, Kayla Johnson, Isabel Uzelac, Coach Robert Cespedes, Coach Laura Neitert



Do you have any pre-game rituals?

"Warming up and cracking jokes is something that always happens."  
-**Marissa Cavanaugh**, 10



What was your favorite moment of the season?

"Stepping onto the field and being cheered on by all the Varsity players. Knowing that I had all of their support was reassuring and inspiring."  
-**Isabel Uzelac**, 10



What was the best part about being on the team?

"The feeling of being in a family and having 15 sisters there for you."  
-**Brooke Isroff**, 10



Freshman **Mia Magnetti** throws the ball into her teammates.



JV girls watch as their team takes on Lake Central at the Viking Arena.



Freshman **Katie Sherman** takes on a Lake Central defender in an attempt to score.





The Varsity captains were senior **Ashley Thomas**, junior **Lexi Ferngren**, and senior **Grace Withrow**.



The Varsity MVP was senior **Grace Withrow**. She was excellent at both offense and defense.

## Varsity: More to the Story

The Varsity team battled all season long towards their goal of returning to the Final Four, or even making it to the State Finals. Their regular season did not go as well as they hoped, falling short of the DAC title, but their post season made up for it. Stepping on the field on Oct. 11, each girl on the team was feeling nervous and excited. The girls faced their rival, the Chesterton Trojans, in the Sectional final.

Junior **Kailey Clapp** said, "I was so nervous before the game that I couldn't eat or sleep because it was possibly the last game of the season and the last time I get to play with the entire team."

Tieing 1-1 at half, everyone was on edge. However, the girls came out strong in the

second half, scoring four goals. Overall, sophomore **Stephanie Sgouroudis** scored two goals, and senior **Ashley Thomas** scored three goals, solidifying the 5-1 victory.

"It was pretty exhilarating considering we matched the score from last year's sectional game and had lost to Chesterton in overtime in the regular season," senior **Emma Ferguson** said.

The post season was not as long as the team hoped, with a loss to the Lake Central Indians in the regional qualifier.

"I am very proud of what this team has accomplished even though we did not go as far as we wanted. This team will always have a special place in my heart," senior **Cameron Holford** said.



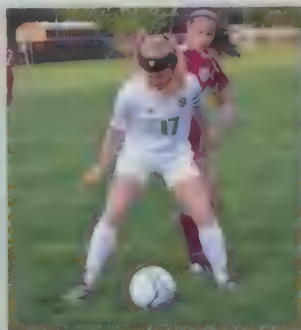
Junior **Nicole Isroff** dribbles the ball away from her Michigan City defender. Isroff returned to Varsity after suffering from an ACL injury last year.



Row 1: Emily Farmer, Kelly Landry, Ingrid Wagner, Grace Withrow, Erica Acton, Hannah Walsh, Kailey Clapp  
Row 2: Emma Ferguson, Stephanie Sgouroudis, Katelyn Ayers, Nicole Isroff, Kareen Billetter, Alexis Ferngren, Emily Miltenberger, Marcelle Manatrey  
Row 3: Coach Stewart Cherry, Ashley Thomas, Madison Ochs, Rebecca Riley, Cameron Holford, Allison Page, Coach Robert Cespedes, Coach Laura Neitert

	Us	Them
LaPorte	9	1
Hamilton Southeastern	0	2
NorthWood	3	0
McCutcheon	1	2
Chesterton	2	3
South Bend Adams	5	3
Michigan City	8	0
Merrillville	4	0
Minster	0	0
South Bend St. Joseph	0	2
Crown Point	4	2
Culver Acadmies	3	2
West Lafayette	2	3
Lake Central	0	3
Plymouth	5	3
Portage	5	0
Portage	7	0
Chesterton	5	1
Lake Central	4	3

Overall Record: 12-6-1



Senior **Grace Withrow** shields the ball away from a Chesterton player at the Viking Arena.



Senior **Becca Riley** attempts to pass a Chesterton defender to advance up the field.



The Varsity team were the Duneland Athletic Conference Sectional Champs! They took down rival Chesterton with a score of 5-1.



# Swing, Ace, Serve!

## Varsity Boys Tennis

Not only does tennis require individual effort but also the work of the team together as a whole. At the North Central Invite, the boys took 8th place in the Buckley Division. Although the boys had a tough start with the Munster meet being cancelled early in the season, the boys won two consecutive meets against Merrillville and Hobart. "The season is so short! Doesn't make it feel any longer when I just started last year!" senior **Alex Yiankes** said when asked what the hardest thing about being in tennis is. Working hard throughout the season, the Varsity boys had an overall record of 6-7.

Starting the season off on a positive note, the JV boys took first place at the Lowell Invite. Sophomore **Nick Feltgen** said his favorite part of the season was "becoming friends with my different doubles partners over the season." The JV boys ended the season with an impressive overall record of 6-1.



Senior **Max Abraham** and junior **Derek Wappel** pose after the Chesterton match.

1. Coach **Tim Shideler** and a few of the varsity boys rehash after a successful meet.
2. Seniors **Andrew Lehn** and **Alex Yiankes** encourage one another in the middle of their match.
3. Junior **Caleb Owens** awaits an opportunity to volley the ball.



### MVP



Junior **Derek Wappel** won Most Valuable Player, saying that although he didn't have one particular favorite part of the season, he "enjoyed just watching the team improve as the season went on."

	Us	Them
St. Joe	0	5
Highland	5	0
Munster	0	5
Merrillville	4	1
Hobart	5	0
Crown Point	2	3
Portage	0	5
Culver	1	4
Chesterton	0	5
Lowell	4	1
Fort Wayne	0	5
Lafayette Jefferson	3	2
Lafayette Harrison	3	2

**Overall Record: 6-7**



Row 1: Juan Gil, Caleb Owens, Derek Wappel, Andrew Lehn, Alex Yiankes  
Row 2: Coach Matt Evans, Ethan White, Eric Yiankes, Max Abraham, Dimitrije Simic, Coach Tim Shideler



# Game Point, Set, Match!

*Junior Varsity Boys Tennis*



Members of the JV tennis team gather in a huddle before beginning their match.



Sophomores **Matthew Cory** and **Kyle Gil** take a break during a match to take a photo.



JV boys watch from the sidelines as they support their fellow teammates.



Row 1: Matthew Janesheski, Joe McMurtrey, Ray Kreloff, Dodge Kudma, Kyle Gil, Max Behrend, Nathan Lin  
Row 2: Benjamin Nielson, Colin Topping, Zack Smith, Corigan Walworth, Matthew Cory, John Janesheski  
Row 3: Coach Matt Evans, Joseph Sheply, Matthew Wanek, Dominic Davis, Colin Flannery, Nicholas Feltgoe, Coach Tim Shideler

Do you have any rituals that you do before a match?



"Coach gives us a pep talk, and a Varsity guy leads the cheer."

**-Nathan Lin, 9**



"Listen to Beethoven." **-Eric Yiankes, 12**



"Me and Andj do this little handshake. We tell each other to have fun and play free of us." **-Alex Yiankes, 12**



# Bump, Set, Spike!

## *Varsity Volleyball*



Row 1: Emma Terwilliger, Lauren Mack, Kate Bontrager, Timi Stiscak, Malerie Mech, Makayla Ferrari, Sami Cavanaugh  
Row 2: Assistant Coach Brad Whitmore, Assistant Coach Heather Treece, Rachel Bontrager, Dani Suiter, Anne Clark, Monroe Olsen, Head Coach Katie Lenard

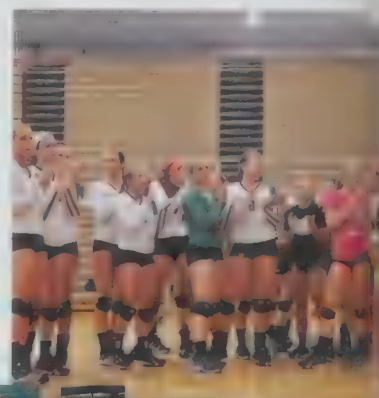
### Regular Season Matches

(T)= Tournament match

	Us	Them
North Judson	3	0
Munster	3	2
Elkhart Central	3	0
Hobart	3	0
Michigan City	3	0
Lake Central (T)	2	0
Southwood (T)	1	2
Penn (T)	2	0
Plymouth (T)	2	0
Chesterton	3	0
Merrillville	3	0
Crown Point	3	1
LaPorte	3	1
Portage	3	0
Lake Central	3	1
Michigan City	3	0
Chesterton	3	0
Merrillville	3	0
Crown Point	2	3
Highland	3	0
LaPorte	3	0

**Overall Record: 32-6**

The team encourages the crowd to sing along to their fight song after a victory in Viking Gymnasium.



Members of the team celebrate after successfully obtaining a point during their match.



Junior libero **Lauren Mack** returns a serve for the Lady Vikings.



The team shakes hands with the opposing team after a Thursday-night victory.





Junior setter **Dani Suiter** sets sophomore hitter **Rachel Bontrager** up for the kill.



## Up, Up, and Away

Many of the players on the Varsity volleyball team, including junior **Anne Clark**, had a common goal. "We wanted to win DAC and make it through regionals," Clark said. These goals were carried out successfully.

After winning the DAC title, and after being crowned sectional and regional champions, the team advanced to semi-state to face Carmel High School. Despite their hard work, the Vikings fell short to Carmel by a score of 3 games to 2.

To some of the players, volleyball is also an opportunity to learn valuable life lessons that can be implemented off of the court. "Volleyball teaches me how to stay positive through the ups and downs of the emotional rollercoaster we call life," sophomore **Kayla Ferrari** said. "It helps me to be able to evaluate what needs to be taken care of immediately and what can wait."



Sophomore **Monroe Olsen**, junior **Lauren Mack** and senior **Kate Bontrager** await a serve.



Senior **Timi Stiscak** blocks a hit from a hitter on the opposing team.



Junior **Dani Suiter** capitalizes on an opportunity to hit the ball.

# MVP



## Kate Bontrager

Outside hitter **Kate Bontrager** was this year's Varsity Volleyball Most Valuable Player. The four-year varsity senior will continue her volleyball career at the University of Indianapolis starting in the fall of 2015. The newest member of the Greyhound volleyball team was an integral part of this year's VHS squad, having tallied 302 kills with a kill percentage of 42.2 percent.

Bontrager also contributed on the defensive end. In her final year of high school volleyball, she was able to block 31 balls and make 263 digs. The MVP also received 482 serves.

Successfully completing four years of Varsity volleyball participation, Bontrager played in a total of 414 sets and handled 848 kills while averaging 2 kills per set.



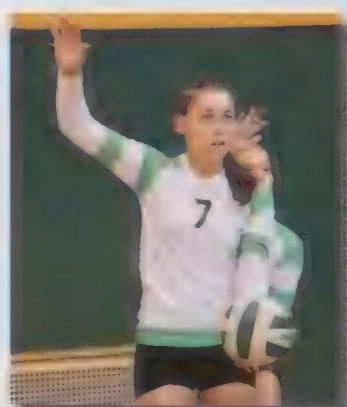
# Moving Up: JV Volleyball

OVERALL RECORD: 18-6

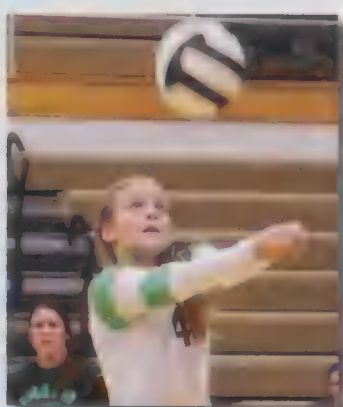


Row 1: Madison Tarry, Danielle Angert, Gillian Walls, Sydney Hite, Kylee Wahl, Aubry Collins

Row 2: Lauren Ball, Nicole Bednar, Abigail Arnold, Trinity Brown, Haley Moon, Coach Courtney Wegrzyn



Sophomore **Danielle Angert** prepares a serve.



Freshman **Gillian Walls** keeps the other team from scoring with a bump back over the net.

Sophomore **Lauren Ball** is an outside hitter for the junior varsity volleyball team. All three teams share memories throughout the season. Ball said, "Before the JV and Varsity games start, we are usually getting ready, but the bus rides are always fun. There is always lots of singing and laughing on the way home. The bus was only quiet after we lost matches, but the wins brought a lot of energy to the ride home."





# Initiation: Freshman Volleyball

OVERALL RECORD: 21-2

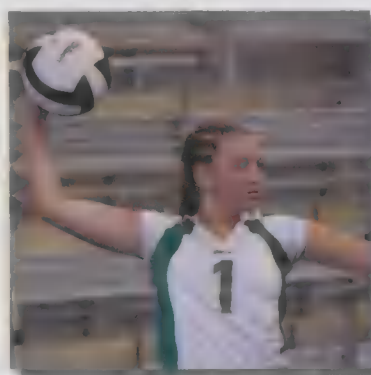


Row 1: Maya Seifert, Morgan Silhavy, Emily Petro, Haley Mayer, Alexandria Alburo

Row 2: Emma Runnion, Joszlyn Hill, Allison Erftenbeck, Margeaux Lustina, Maddie Nondorf, Coach Michelle Salomon



**Allison Erftenbeck** is a freshman on the freshman volleyball team. At the end of the season, she reflected on her experience with the team and remembered her favorite parts of her first high school season. When asked what the most memorable match of the season was, she said, "The most memorable match of this past season was our second match against Lake Central. We were at Lake Central and had gone into a third set. We ended up dominating them with our front row. It was the best win of the season." Erftenbeck played middle hitter for the team.



Freshman **Haley Mayer** plays DS for the team.



Freshman **Alexandria Alburo** gets low to bump the ball back over the net.



Freshman **Maya Seifert** plays S/DS on the team.



# Hole in One

## Girls Golf

The girls golf team made their mark this year and proved that they were more than just a team. With a record of 8-2, they surely proved that the Valparaiso High School girls golf team was one to reckon with. Coach **William Miller** said, "My favorite moments from the season included winning the sectional and qualifying for the state

tournament. These were both very special moments because we had four seniors who worked extremely hard their whole careers. I have never been as proud for a group of players as I was for this year's team."

Senior **Jennifer Gough** was announced the MVP for the 2014-2015 season.

### CAPTIONS:

1. Freshman **Emma Gilliana** focuses on putting the ball.
2. Freshman **Elise Lee** hits the ball towards the hole.
3. "My favorite memory of the season was when I shot my personal best of 73 (one under par)," senior **Brooke Fullenkamp** said.



Freshman **Emma Gilliana** follows through on her swing.



Jen Gough



Brooke Fullenkamp

### A Fun Memory

"The funniest moment was when we were at state and Lauren and Ellie locked themselves out of their hotel room within five minutes of being there," senior **Brooke Fullenkamp** said.

"It's a sisterly bond on and off the course!"

-Allison Bewick, 10



Lauren Caputo



Lauren Caputo, Lindsey DeBoer, Brooke Fullenkamp, Jen Gough



Elise Lee



## Hear it from the seniors:

*Describe the environment of a match.*

**Jennifer Gough, 12**

"On the golf course it's very serious. We all put on our game face and go out to do our best, but as soon as we are all in, we just have fun!"

**Lauren Caputo, 12**

"Before and after the matches are very relaxed, but when we play a competitive match, it can get tense."

**Brooke Fullenkamp, 12**

"Golf matches are extremely quiet, and the hardest part is staying consistent with your scores."

**Lindsey DeBoer, 12**

"The atmosphere of a golf match is usually pretty laid back!"

1. Freshman Ema Gilliana prepares the ball for a putt.  
2. Seniors Jen Gough, Brooke Fullenkamp, and Lindsey DeBoer enjoy time before a match.  
3. Freshman Ema Gilliana begins her swing.  
4. Senior Jen Gough prepares for her first shot.  
5. Senior Lindsey DeBoer watches her opponent intently.  
6. Seniors Jen Gough and Lindsey DeBoer: "The best part about golf is spending time with the team. I would not be the player I am today without the sisterly bond that we have."

More Than a Match



Row 1: Lauren Caputo, Lindsey DeBoer, Brooke Fullenkamp, Elise Lee  
Row 2: Coach John Gutierrez, Allison Bewick, Jennifer Gough, Ema Gilliana, Coach William Miller

Overall Record: 8-2

Meet	Score	Place
Jeff Invite	347	8
LC Invite	348	3
CP Invite	342	2
Center Grove	373	8
KV Invite	343	4
Highland/Hobart	174	W
Chesterton	185	L
Merrillville	180	W
Michigan City	189	W
Lake Central	176	L
Crown Point	176	W
Portage	181	W
LaPorte	170	W
Pat Ford	339	4
DAC	343	4
Munster	179	W
Sectional	348	Sectional Champs
Regional	330	2
State Day 1	377	-
State Day 2	352	9





1. Sophomore cheerleader **Rachel Reilly** is lifted into the air with the help of her teammates.

2. While maintaining control of the ball, senior **Brandon Nicholas** drives past his defender.

3. Senior **Saunder Harris** dries his hand before attempting a half-court shot during halftime of the boys Varsity game.

4. Wearing number four, junior guard **Evan Walls** is announced at the beginning of the game.

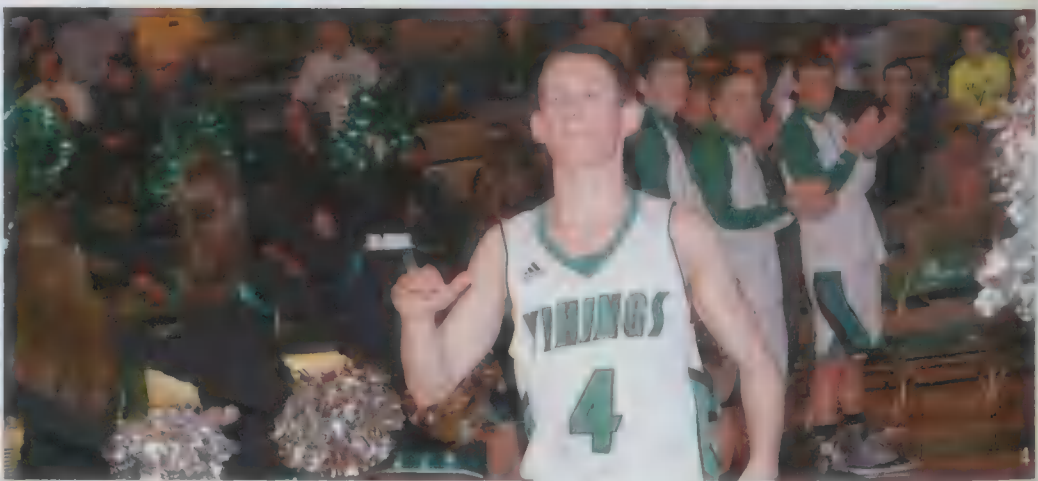
5. Senior captain **Drew Paul** meets with officials before the game.

6. The Viking Nation cheers on its team.

7. Junior **Steve Helm** stops his opponent from making a three-point basket.

8. Sophomore **Jay Bisacky** handles the ball.

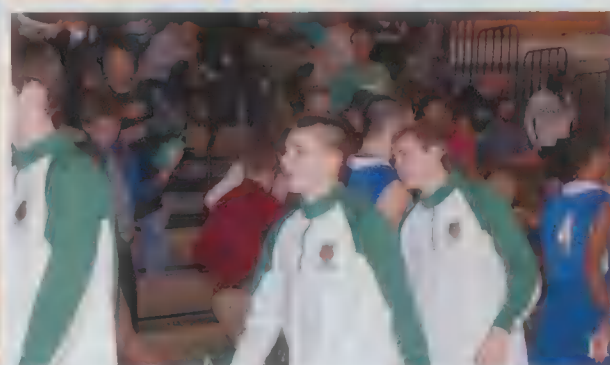
**MVP/Captain:**  
senior **Drew Paul**





# Upheld Tradition

## Varsity Boys Basketball



	Us	Them
Boone Grove	45	42
Hobart	65	32
Penn	48	53
Lowell	50	23
New Prairie	42	20
South Bend A.	44	32
Bikhart Mem	66	56
Hamilton SE	53	58
Greenfield	45	43
Connersville	28	32
Norwell	56	32
Portage	67	44
Lafayette Jeff	40	34
Michigan City	51	44
Lake Central	59	50
Merrillville	61	56
Munster	47	48
LaPorte	57	37
Bishop Noll	47	34
Crown Point	57	51
Chesterton	47	41
South Bend Clay	62	44
Crown Point (Sectional)	35	37

**Overall Record: 18-5**

9. Junior center **Connor Tenhove** prepares to go up with a shot.

10. Displaying his athleticism, senior **Max Jindra** goes up for a lay-up.

11. Sophomore **Zach Anselm** and junior **Anthony Kloss** shake hands at the end of the game.



Row 1: Evan Walls, Anthony Kloss, Curtis Jones, Max Jindra, Zach Anselm

Row 2: Steve Helm, Brandon Nicholas, Drew Paul, Cole Wolf, Jay Bisacky

Row 3: Head Coach Matt Thomas, Coach Nick Allison, Trace Ramsey, Connor Tenhove, Coach Ben Lieske, Coach Brent Kimmel



# JV Boys Basketball

Overall Record: 15-5

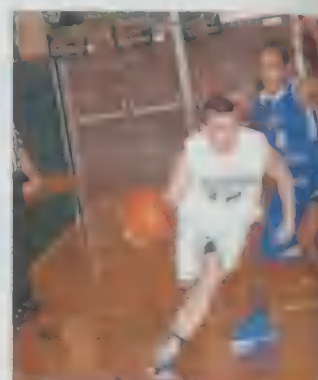


Row 1: Patrick Kelly, Zach Anselm, Charlie Healy, Anthony Kloss, Adrian Casaday

Row 2: Coach Ben Lieske, Michael Mann, Jack Clark, Trace Ramsey, Marcus Gholston, Curtis Jones

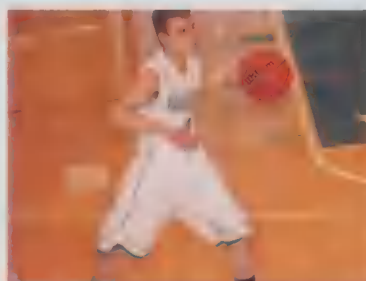


Left: Coach **Ben Lieske** talks to his team during a time out.



Right: Sophomore **Zach Anselm** drives the ball up the court in Viking Gymnasium.

Sophomore point guard **Adrian Casaday** sets up the team's offense.



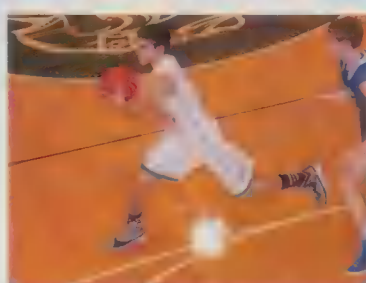
Using his height to his advantage, sophomore **Trace Ramsey** goes up for the jump ball.



Sophomore **Zach Anselm** stops quickly in order to try and confuse his defender.



Sophomore **Patrick Kelly** prepares to pass the ball to a teammate.



Junior **Jack Clark** attempts a shot over his defender.



Freshman **Nick Tonne** attempts to move past his opponent, using a ball fake.



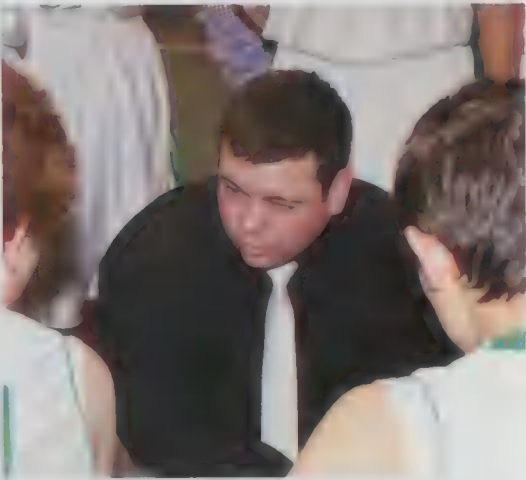
# Freshman Boys Basketball

Overall Record: 10-9

Attempting to maintain control of the ball, freshman **Gunnar Pullins** backs up to his defender.



Coach **Casey McKim** coaches his team during a time out.



## What was the highlight of your season?



"Adam Odar's three-fourth court shot for the game winner was the highlight of my basketball season."  
-Reece Staples, 9



"With 1.5 seconds left in overtime, Adam Odar made a three-fourths court shot to win the Crown Point game!"  
-Nick Tonne, 9



"My highlight was when my teammates voted me to receive the mental attitude award."  
-James Leftridge, 9



1: A jump ball starts the freshman basketball game.  
2: Freshman **Sam Bernardi** calls out an offense.  
3: Coach **Mike Walker** coaches one of his players during a game.

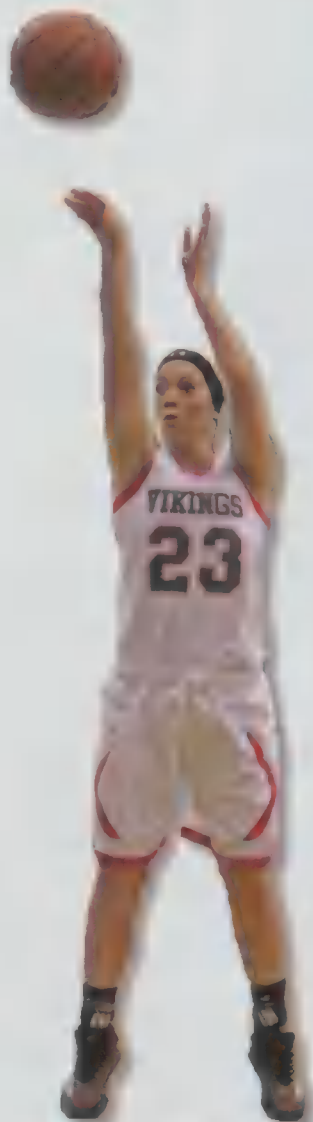


Row 1: Riley Sorrick, James Leftridge, Chase Charves, Adam Odar, Nick Tonne, Kevin Hodges, Sam Bernardi  
Row 2: Manager Eddie Curry, Terry Peek, Jacob Leffew, Jesse Xidis, Alex Coil, Gunnar Pullins, Manager Altia Caron  
Row 3: Coach Casey McKim, Logan Spillers, Ethan Patrick, Tim Rogers, Blake Mersman, Brailyn Baker, Reece Staples, Coach Mike Walker



# Varsity Girls Basketball

*Sectional Runner-up*



Senior **Kayla Gates** shoots a free throw against the Michigan City Wolves at the Viking Arena.



The girls huddle together for a pre-game talk at the Viking Arena.



Junior **Alexis Ferngren** guards a Michigan City opponent.

*What was the most exciting part of the season?*



"We got to the sectional championship; we never got further than the first round except for this year, my senior year! It was amazing!"

**-Lauren Caputo, 12**



"The most exciting part was making it to the sectional finals for the first time in our four years of playing."

**-Stephanie Parker, 12**



"Beating Chesterton 72-35 in sectionals was the most exciting part of the season!"

**-Alexis Ferngren, 11**





1. Freshman **Ari Gurd** dribbles down the court in hopes of scoring.
2. Junior **Rylie Vaughan** looks up as she prepares to shoot.
3. Senior **Grace Withrow** jumps in the air for a layup.
4. Senior **Maggie Meyer** dribbles past a Crown Point defender.



Row 1: Manager Marisa Miller, Margaret Meyer, Grace Withrow, Alissa Anselm, Manager Gabriele Bengs  
 Row 2: Kayla Gates, Nicole Chiabai, Stephanie Parker, Valentina Matavulj, Shelby Lemmon  
 Row 3: Coach Faye Georgiadis, Lauren Caputo, Olivia Murray, Rylie Vaughan, Alexis Ferngren, Coach Candy Wilson, Coach Nick Slater

	Us	Them
Kankakee Valley	47	36
Fishers	29	50
Hamilton SF	45	48
Plymouth	50	55
Merrillville	42	53
South Bend Clay	63	20
South Central	54	50
LaPorte	63	59
Highland	58	40
Crown Point	40	52
Chesterton	36	28
Penn	48	70
Morgan Township	65	38
Portage	46	55
East Chicago Central	50	56
Michigan City	57	55
Hammond Clark	58	17
Lake Central	45	55
Minster	62	52
Wayne	56	55
Hobart	51	30
Lowell	56	34
Chesterton (Sectional)	72	35
Hobart (Sectional)	48	33
Merrillville (Sectional)	37	65

**Overall Record:**  
**15-10**



Senior captain **Grace Withrow** and junior captain **Olivia Murray** work together to get the team ready for the games and to make the team run smoothly.



Senior **Grace Withrow** was nominated the Girls Varsity Basketball MVP at the winter sports award banquet.



*Do you have any pre-game rituals?*



**Madison Ochs, 9**

"Before the games I like to listen to music and hang out with my team in the locker room."



**Alexa Lahey, 10**

"Sometimes we danced and sang, but we mostly talked about crushing the other team."



**Madison Karp, 10**

"Before the games I like to eat a peanut butter sandwich."



**Maycie Macdonald, 9**

"I get a pep talk from Slate-dawg and turn up the Beyonce and G-Eazy."

# Junior Varsity Basketball

## Overall Record: 18-4

Freshman **Ari Gurdit** shoots a three pointer against the Crown Point Bulldogs.



Sophomore **Elizabeth Barrasas** tips the ball off at the beginning of a game.



Sophomore **Mackenzie Peddle** high fives her teammates as she comes off the court.



Sophomore **Alexa Lahey** saves the ball before it goes out of bounds.



The Junior Varsity team huddles together and listens to **Coach Nick Slater** during a time out.



Sophomore **Erin Barrasas** shoots the ball in a game against Michigan City.



Row 1: Manager Breita Edquist, Katherine Nagai, Maya Seifert, Elizabeth Barrasas, Manager Gabriele Bengs  
Row 2: Manager Emily Ditto, Erin Barrasas, Michaela Leverich, Taelynn Oelling, Ariana Gerdt, Maycie Macdonald, Alexa Lahey, Manager Marisa Miller  
Row 3: Coach Faye Georgiadis, Suzanne Neumeier, Madison Ochs, Mackenzie Peddle, Madison Karp, Coach Candy Wilson, Coach Nick Slater



Freshman **Emma Pollit** plays tough defense against the Michigan City Wolves.



# Freshman Basketball

## Overall Record: 10-9

The freshman team shakes hands with the opposing Chesterton Trojans.



Freshman **Bridget McGrath** dribbles down the court in hopes of scoring.



Freshman **Kathleen Sherman** looks up as she prepares to shoot.



Freshman **Isabelle Staph** attempts a field goal against the Chesterton Trojans.



Freshman **Logan Ferngren** makes a move to try and get past her Michigan City defender.



Row 1: Logan Ferngren, Emma Pollitt, Isabelle Staph  
 Row 2: Princess Anjorin, Avery Hicks, Gabrielle Green, Arlawna Vaughan  
 Row 3: Mary Steiner, Bridget McGrath, Coach Becca Hoefler, Kathleen Sherman, Margaret Hayes



Boys swimmers launch off the edge of the pool as they begin the backstroke.



Senior **Joel Uban** comes up for a breath of air during his race at the Valparaiso vs. Portage meet.



Senior **Max Keating** quickly turns to his side to get a breath of air.



Senior **Joel Uban**, junior **Darian Low** and sophomore **Ian Holmes** pose for a quick photo on the side of the pool.



The boys swimming and diving team huddle together, getting pumped up for their meet.

## Boys Swimming & Diving

*Swimmers dedicate time, energy to pool*

One of the most important parts of being part of the boys swimming and diving team inside and outside of the pool is being dedicated and hard working. The 26 members of the swimming and diving team devoted their time and energy to the VHS pool, where they improved their talent each day of the season.

When asked what his fondest memory of the season was, senior **Christian Karcher** responded, "having my last morning practice."

The boys ended their season with a win at their last home meet against LaPorte, with a score of 130-55.

When asked how he prepared for the swim/dive season, sophomore **Darius Dunivan** responded, "I make sure to practice diving to my 100 percent all season. To stretch daily, be flexible, and be able to work hard at what I do best." The boys swimming and diving team ended the season with 9 wins and 3 losses.

## Do you have any pre-meet rituals?

"No. I don't. I feel that pre-meet rituals only hurt you in the fact that if you can't do it, you'll perform poorly. For that reason, I don't have one; I just go in and race."

- **Noah Bennett**, 11



"Getting Subway after school and listening to AC/DC to get pumped up." -**Rainer Neis**, 12

"Usually we all listen to our own pump-up songs. It is usually an individual thing—everyone has their own style."

-**Nathan Courtney**, 12



## Most Valuable Player

When junior **Isaiah Parrish** won MVP, he said, "It felt great to know that all the hard work I put in paid off in the end."

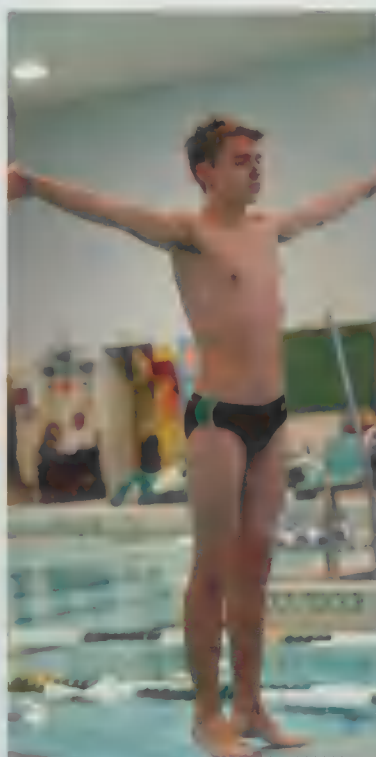




Row 1: Shenal Karunaratne, Andrew Hein, Nicholas Schwartz, Darius Dunivan, Corydon Caldwell, Darian Low (captain)  
 Row 2: Thomas Jarratt, Ryan Bledsoe, Noah Bennett, Isaiah Parrish, Jerritt Covington, Austin Taber, Theodore Tripodis, Brandon Garcia  
 Row 3: Alex Horb, Cole St. Aubin, Rainer Neis (captain), Nathan Courtney (captain), Alexander Rastovski (captain), Christian Karcher, Ian Holmes  
 Row 4: Lucy Cobble, Coach Allison Walker, Max Keating, Joel Uban, Ryan Hrosik, Thomas Lyp, Coach Adam Nellesen, Riley Sunday



Senior **Alex Rastovski** poses for a humorous photo as he floats in the pool.



Freshman **Andrew Hein** concentrates before diving into the pool.

	Us	Them
Hobart	W*	L
Lake Central	93	34
Munster Invite	W*	L
Crown Point	82	104
Munster	L*	W*
Chesterton	36	144
LaPorte Invite	W*	L
Merrillville	W*	L
Portage	W*	L
Highland	W*	L
Michigan City	109	76
LaPorte	130	55

\*Scores were not available

**Overall Record: 9-3**



Members of the boys and girls swimming and diving teams jump into the pool after a successful senior night.



The boys swimming and diving team line up on the side of the pool after the Valparaiso vs. Portage meet.



# Ready, Set, Swim!

## *Girls Swimming and Diving*

### What's your fondest memory from the season?

"My fondest memory from this season was the team bonding. During a swim meet, someone from my class and another from my class were in the same lane. It helped me realize how much more." **Anita Angira**, 11

"When we finished our 200-meter freestyle last month and we were going to state." **Annie Rastovski**, 11

"When we won the 200-meter freestyle. It was a great feeling. I was in the water and I was cheering for my friends. It was a great feeling. I was in the water and I was cheering for my friends." **Maddie Mittenberger**, 9

"When we finished the 200-meter freestyle and we were going to state." **Grace Cobble**, 9

"My favorite memory was at the swimming meet. Everyone was cheering and I was in the water. I was in the water and I was cheering for my friends. It was a great feeling. I was in the water and I was cheering for my friends." **Victoria Kolar**, 10

"When we won the 200-meter freestyle and we were going to state." **Erin Delahunty**, 12

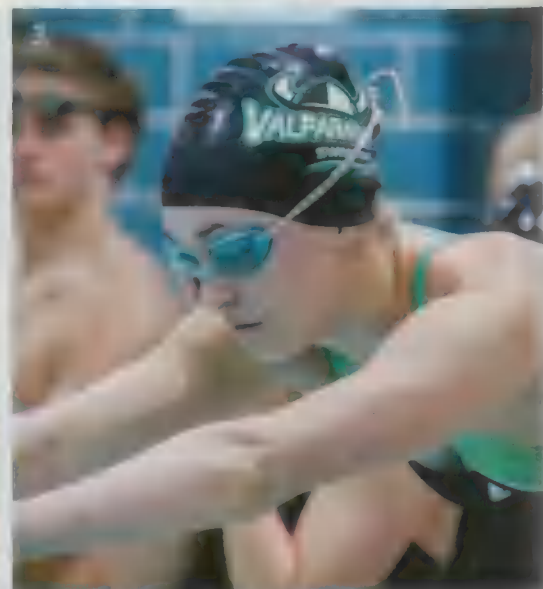
The girls swimming and diving team had a successful season, taking 2nd of 5 at the LaPorte Invite early in the season, 4th of 8 at DAC, and 2nd of 12 at the Sectional Finals. An inspiring work ethic combined with determination as well as skill brought success upon the girls from the very beginning.

Although swimming and diving are individual events, support from your team is very important. The girls never failed to support and cheer on one another, always making sure to encourage each other to do their best.

The girls ended the season on a positive note with three consecutive wins against DAC opponents Merrillville, Portage and Michigan City.

Not only did the girls gain skill, but they also gained friendships throughout the season. When asked what her favorite part of the swim season was, sophomore **Peyton Mahlmann** responded, "My favorite part of the swim season was the bus ride to Sectional Finals because Sattler gave a great speech. It put us in a great mood and made us ready to race."

Overall, the girls had an awesome season thanks to coaches **Pete Sattler**, **Megan Price**, and **Scott Valpatic**. The girls swim and dive team proved themselves throughout this season, having 6 wins and 5 losses, with **Liz Simac**, **Erin Delahunty**, **Bri Pniak**, **Shannon Brown**, **Annie Rastovski**, **Marisa Johnson** and **Grace Cobble** making it all the way to state.



1. The girls swimming and diving team line up on the edge of the pool.
2. Diver, sophomore **Brooke McKeon**, completes her dive.
3. Senior **Mary Cobble** waits, determined as she begins her race.



1. Swimmers prepare to dive into the pool to begin their race.
2. Senior **Sophie Lutz** comes up for a breath of air during the Valparaiso vs. Portage swim and dive meet.
3. The girls swimming and diving team leap into the pool after a victorious meet against Portage.



*Most Valuable Player*



When freshman **Liz Simac** won MVP, she said, "I was really honored. It was pretty surreal. I wasn't expecting it."



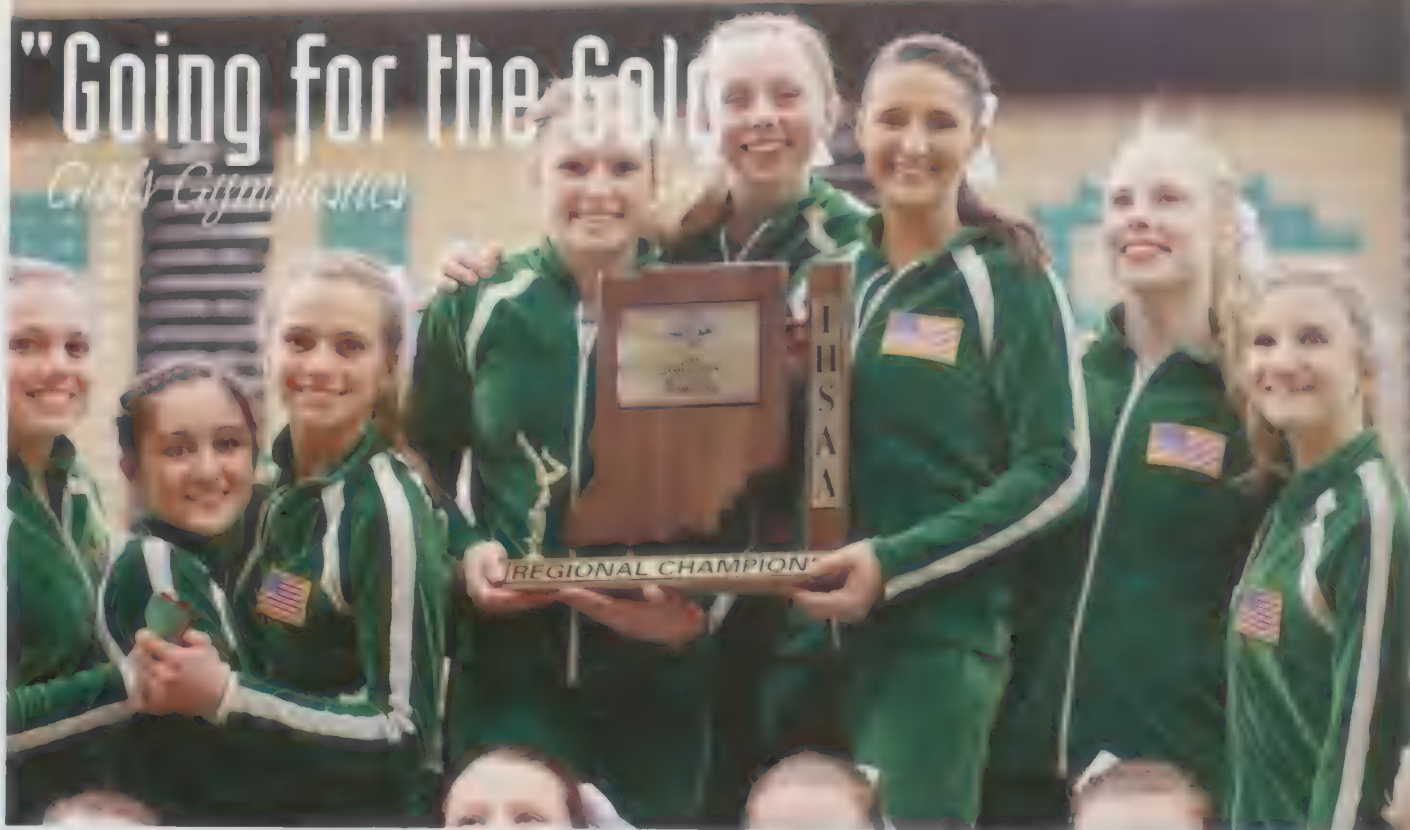
Row 1: Allison Poole, Isabelle Hunt, Rebecca Gronceski, Carmen Demaree, Danielle Zarate  
 Row 2: Bailey Henderlong, Peyton Mahlmann, Carissa Steele, McKenna Haynes, Sophie Lutz, Brooke McKeon, Blake Hightshoe  
 Row 3: Madison Simac, Shannon Brown, Victoria Kolar, Erin Delahunty, Meara Keen, Caitlin Brown, Brianna Pniak, Grace Cobble  
 Row 4: Coach Megan Price, Marisa Johnson, Elizabeth Simac, Mary Cobble, Coach Pete Sattler, Anne Rastovski, Madeline Miltenberger, Lindsey Lease, Coach Scott Valpatic

	Us	Them
Highland	125	43
LaPorte	124	56
Hobart	124	60
Lake Central	77	109
Crown Point	62	121
Munster	56	124
Chesterton	47	139
Chesterton JV	48	130
Merrillville	146	36
Portage	119	64
Michigan City	124	62
<b>Overall Record: 6-5</b>		



# "Going for the Gold"

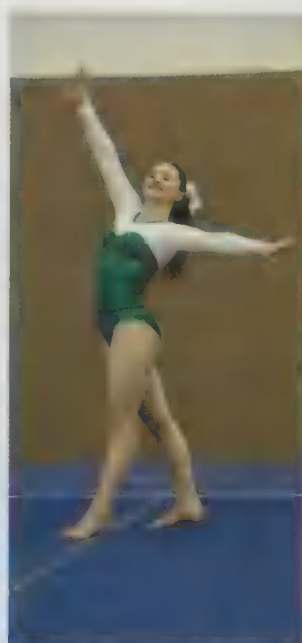
*Girls Gymnastics*



The girls pose with their Regional trophy after the awards ceremony.



Freshman **Kellee Davidson** warms up on floor before the meet.



Freshman **Alyssa Ido** poses after her floor routine.



Freshman **Jenna Algozine** performs a beam routine at the Regional Meet.



Junior **Sydney Intagliata** stands in line for the opening ceremony at the Regional Meet.

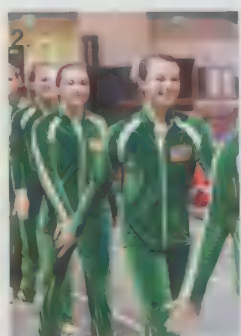


Sophomore **Sara Lynch** salutes the judges at an away meet.

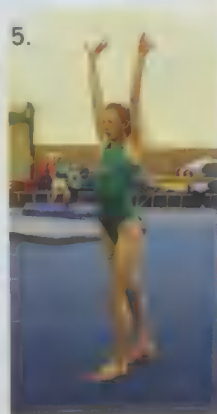
## More to the Story

The girls gymnastics team entered the season with a long tradition of success. Last year, the team won the majority of their meets as well as the Sectional, Regional and State titles. The Valparaiso High School gymnastics program holds the record for the most team and individual state championships. Each girl brings a different skill and trait to the team. The team had a lot to live up to this year but exceeded expectations by winning most of their regular season meets in addition to their Sectional, Regional and State titles.





1. Freshman **Rachel Moneta** jumps on the beam.
2. Freshmen **Kendall Galligan** and **Jenna Algozine** smile as they walk up for the opening ceremony.
3. Senior **Hanna Wilson** jumps during her beam routine.
4. Senior **Rushelle Miller**, junior **Sydney Intagliata** and freshman **Jenna Algozine** stand on the podium during the awards at the sectional meet.
5. Freshman **Allison Gatz** warms up before a meet.
6. The team poses with their regional trophy after the meet.



## For The Record

Viking Pairs	1st
Michigan City	1st
Viking Invite	1st
LaPorte	1st
Ft. Wayne Carter Classic	2nd
Lake Central	1st
Lowell/Hobart/Boone Grove	1st
Chesterton	1st
Crown Point	1st
Portage	1st
Merrillville	1st
DAC	1st
IHSAA Sectional	1st
IHSAA Regional	1st
IHSAA State	1st



Row 1: Sydney Intagliata, Rachel Moneta, Delaney Baldwin, Alexzondria Walters  
 Row 2: Brittany Clark, Alyssa Ido, Emily Lynch, Kellee Davidson, Sara Lynch, Lia Milroy  
 Row 3: Kendall Galligan, Cylie Miller, Kimberly Clausen, Allison Gatz, Julia Manion, Rushelle Miller, Jenna Algozine, Hanna Wilson

## MVP, Rushelle Miller

Senior **Rushelle Miller** won the 2015 Girls Gymnastics MVP and was honored at the Winter Sports Banquet. She excelled all season and brought many great attributes to the team.



Seniors **Rushelle** and **Cylie Miller** and junior **Lia Milroy** pose with their Regional trophy after their win.





# RESPECT ALL. FEAR NONE.

## Wrestling

For the Viking Varsity and Junior Varsity wrestling teams, both wrestlers and coaches agreed that the success of the season could be accredited to the outstanding senior leaders that represented the team's work ethic and determination the entire season. There were five returning seniors in total, led by senior **Ian Suttles**, who placed 7th at the IHSAA state finals in Indianapolis in February.

The coaches were pleased with the effort given this season, commenting that many JV wrestlers stepped up and matured over the course of the season.

"There's a lot to look forward to next year with the effort we saw by the JV this year," Coach **Jake Plesac** said.

## Upperclassmen Memories

"My most memorable moment from my four years of wrestling is when Nowosad missed the bus to a JV meet." - **Jared Rafferty**, 12



"My favorite match of this season was definitely the match in which winning was what qualified me for state." - **Ian Suttles**, 12

"I am happy for all the progress the team and I made and can't wait to be a leader next year."

- **Alex Kukurugya**, 11



Various members from the Varsity team stop watching their JV teammates compete to pose for a picture at the Portage meet.



	Us	Them
Hoban	42	29
Kankakee Valley	48	18
Monster	52	18
Merrillville	20	40
Michigan City	61	12
SB Adams	63	15
Boone Grove	81	0
Noblesville	42	31
East Chicago	69	12
Lake Central	31	32
Southmont	31	26
Cathedral	31	33
Mishawaka	37	35
Lawrence North	29	34
SB Riley	50	19
LaPorte	61	12
Niles, Mich	18	46
Zionsville	27	36
Edwardsburg	15	33
Penn	15	48
Columbus City	42	31
Chasterton	36	28
Crown Point	21	41
Chandler	94	28

**Overall Record: 14 -10**

## Junior Varsity

[MVP: Nick Hrenz]



Row 1: Tyler Watson, Jacob Bond, Reece Schenck, Tevin Jordan, Jacklyn Gaul

Row 2: Alexis Demonja, Zachary Sauer, Ryan Tyrka, Hunter Blanchard, Jonathan Tomas, Jaylyn Gaul

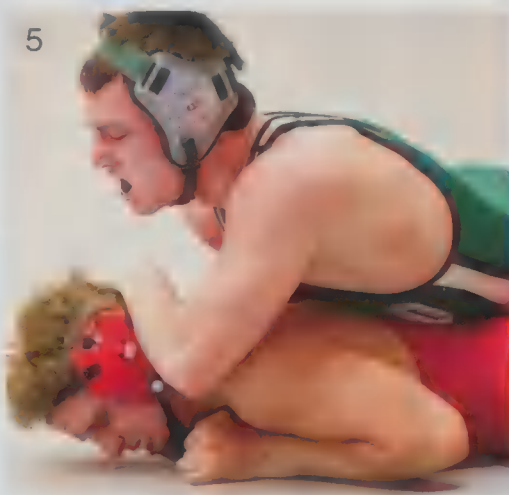
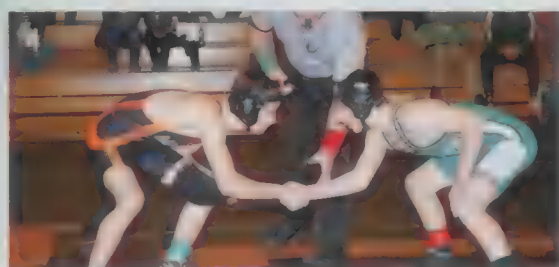
Row 3: Noah Case, Tad Davis, Jacob Lemmon, Jared McMaster, Joe McIntyre, Ted Terry

Row 4: Coach Derrick Suttles, Coach Jake Plesac, Ryan Schaffer, Trenton Harrington, Miguel Suarez, Coach Mark Line, Coach Kris Rosario

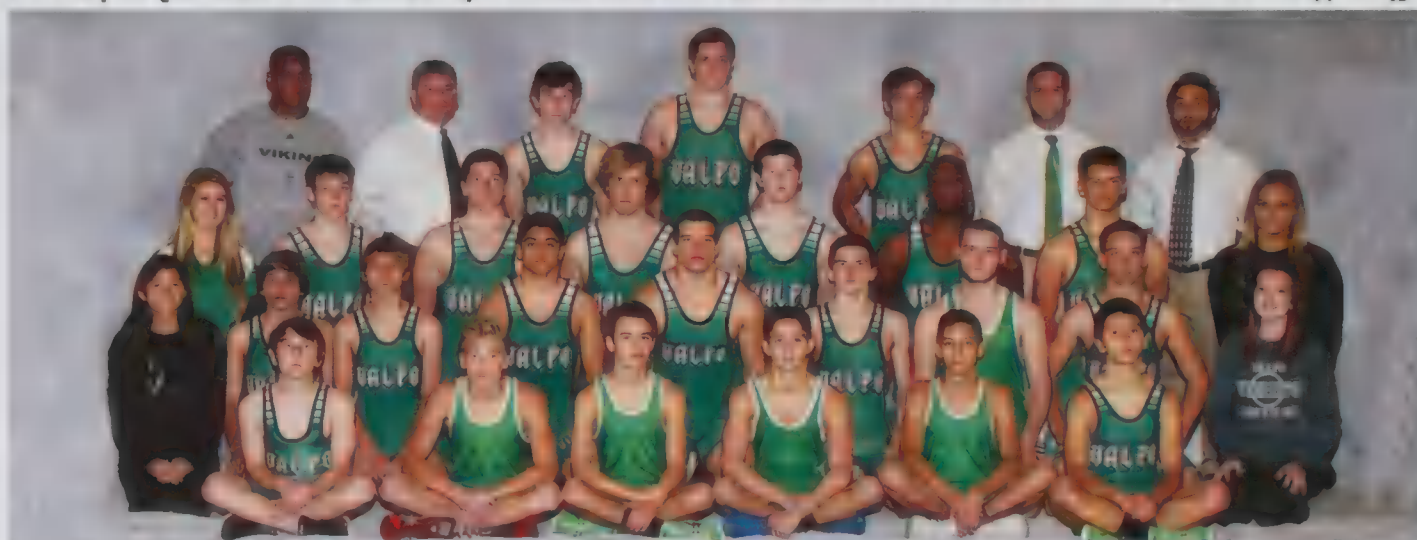




1. Senior **Clinton Welton** greets his opponent before a match.
2. Sophomore **Patrick Olsen** grapples with a Portage wrestler.
3. Junior **Sam Nowosad** attempts to escape a standing hold.
4. Senior **Jared Rafferty** shakes hands before his match.
5. Sophomore **Billy Baldwin** ends the match with a pin.
6. Sophomore **Jacob Cummins** circles the mat during a match.

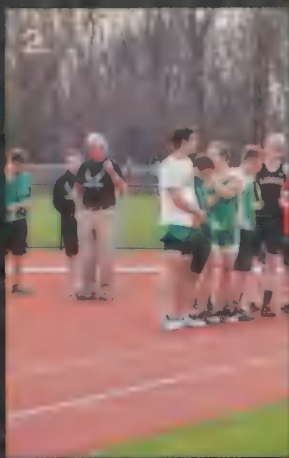


## Varsity (MVP: Austin Line; Captains: Ian Suttles, Ian Dembowski, Austin Line, Jared Rafferty)



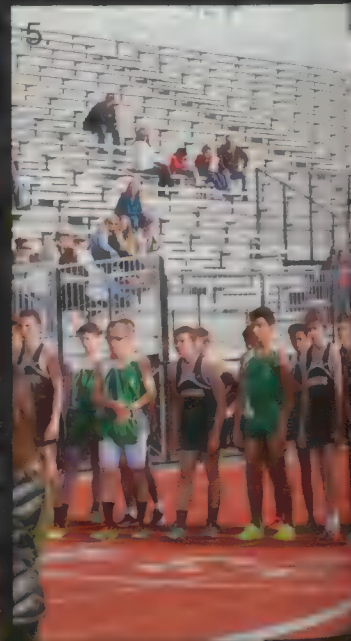
Row 1: Brad Rafferty, Nathan Beller, Nick Krenz, Michael Yallourakis, Isaiah Ruiz, Jacob Cummins  
 Row 2: Liset Hernandez, Tristan Dembowski, Ian Dembowski, Jarett Bravo, Jon Steiner, Austin Line, Billy Baldwin, Greg Lichtenberger, Allison Banks  
 Row 3: Rebecca Riley, Clinton Welton, Sam Nowosad, Austin Garbison, Alex Kukurugya, Ian Suttles, Patrick Olsen, Lauren Biesen  
 Row 4: Coach Derrick Suttles, Coach Mark Line, Jared Rafferty, John Nowosad, Michael Lichtenberger, Coach Jake Plesac, Coach Kris Rosario





Row 1: Will Corneil, Henry Jerry, Jorge Ayala, David Parley, Janet Bulb, Nate Bailey, Nick Quamran, Braxton Kull, Zach Hillman, George Aziz, Bryce Bartolomeo, Austin Line, Alex Long, Jacob Bond.  
 Row 2: John Rucyok, Dorian Low, Joshua Hamer, Gregory Lichemberger, Zachary Jones, Michael Lichtenberger, Jacob Bond, Ben Miller, Matthew Phelps, Brandon Steele, Nicholas Schwarz, Dylan Dittusport, Evan Cowan, Travis Spry, Samuel Peterson.  
 Row 3: Devin Jamirah, Talon Tabb, Oliver Howe, Jonathan Zygmunt, Anthony Carpenter, Christopher Fouse, Matthew Knight, Joseph Warner, Yilan Jia, Logan Buchanan, Matthew Cavanaugh, Carl Frey, Ryan McDonald, Jerry Perez, Joseph Hanson.  
 Row 4: Kyle Campanella, Nicholas Romanov, Max Jobbe, Marc Collins, Aaron Smrekar, Joshua Vello, Zachary Martakis, Joseph Pimentel, Terry Fick, Lucas Wilia, Carlos Martinez, Ann Lawley, Evan Southwell, Zachary Kroll.  
 Row 5: Isaiah Smith, John Buggeln, Sean Curtis, Anthony Gascones, Dylan Johnson, Colton Brewer, Edward Garcia, Paul Nelson, Green Staples, Aaron Finley, Daniel Dalton, Christian Sayers, Nathan Budnik, Tristan Hargell.  
 Row 6: Trevor Hamill, Courtin Kelly, Nicholas Jobbe, Liam McGrath, Ethen McChrishan, Alex Thomas, Logan Newark, Benjamin Staples, Drake Barton, Connor Rooin, Jarrett Covington, George Goldard, Justin Hamre, Matt Wink, Andrew Ford.  
 Row 7: Jack Gabrish, David Juhl, Logan Meeter, Lucas Sandness, Ben Kroll, Corey Sanders, John Nowosad, Samuel Hunsaker, Zachary Bauer, Joseph Rios, Tyler Curtis, Denon Williams, Collin Huber, William Monahan, Jacob Wallace.  
 Row 8: Matt Snopink, Ben Polibello, Aaron Crague, Riley Anglin, Kathryn Saus, Madeline Giff, Emma Gilliam, Lindsay Twilley, Ben Bewick, Joseph Carballa, Matt Helmer, Dan Jones.

1. Runner **Liam McGrath** gets into the zone for a meet.
2. The boys wait for the meet to begin.
3. The runners prepare to run the 100 meter hurdles.
4. The runners take off to begin the race.
5. The long distance runners line up to start their race.
6. The boys fight to finish the race.
7. Valparaiso takes the lead in the 100 meter hurdles.
8. Juniors **Jack Gabrish** and **John Buggeln** push forward to win the race!
9. Valparaiso gets ready to participate in the meet.



A few of the guys!



Isaiah Smith, 11



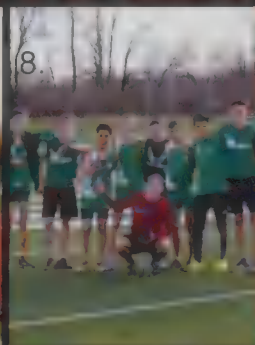
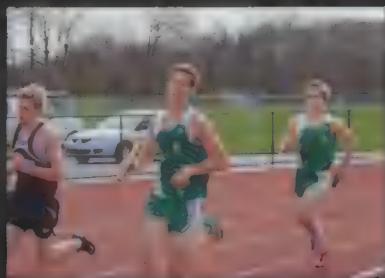
Bryce Bartolomeo, 12



# Boys Track

*Run Until It Is Done*

West Side	Win
Pontiac	Win
DAC Indoor	Win
LaPorte	Win
Crown Point/ Chesterton	Win
Michigan City/ Memphis	Win
Lake Central/ Portage	2nd
DAC	
Championships	2nd
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	8th



1. Senior **Drew Paul** gets his personal record of 6'2" in high jump.
2. The boys compete in the events.
3. **Vito** bursts out of the blocks.
4. Senior **Drake Barlow** competes in long jump.
5. **Colton Fabian** takes the lead to move onto the next round.
6. The boys prepare to run the 100 meter dash.
7. **Vito** prepares to get to work in high jump.
8. The guys take a photo.

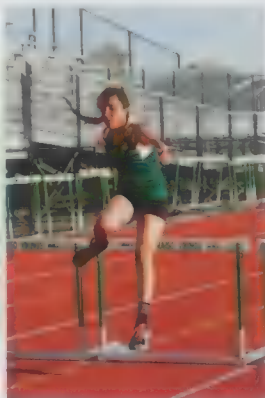
MVP

Ben Staples





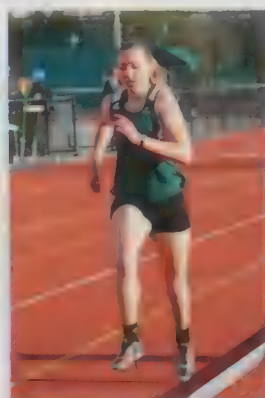
*Bridget McGrath*



*Isabel Sanjuan*



*Victoria Kellar*



*Meredith Hite*



*Mary Warner*

# She's Going the Distance

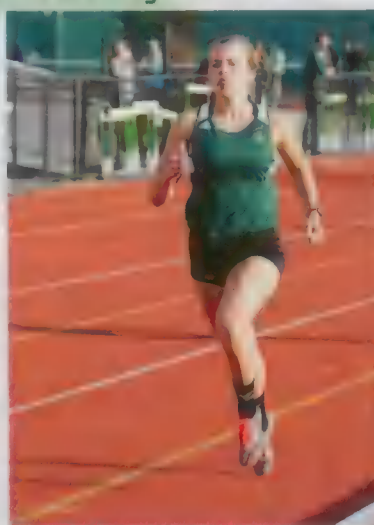
## Girls Track and Field

From running and throwing to hurdles and relays, the 63 girls on the track team had plenty of events to sign up for. After two months of blood, sweat, tears, fractures and abnormal spring temperature fluctuations, the girls came out of the season with a 4-3 overall record and a second place finish at the DAC meet. They continued on to regionals and finished the season at the end of May. At regionals, they tied for second with Crown Point; both teams had 18.5 overall points. The team's 12 seniors graduated in June, passing the baton to 2016's incoming freshmen.

Row 1: Maggie Vail, Reyna Banuelas, Kailey Clapp, Isabel Sanjuan, Daniella Zarate, Madison Tarry, Isabella Iussig, Brittney Clark, Emily Smith, Sydnye Nosbusch, Logan Ferngren, Row 2: Mary Warner, Gabrielle Brown, Emily Catlin, Bridget McGrath, Elena Kipp, Julia Fink, Ingrid Warner, Sara Lynch, Alissa Anselm, Carmen Demaree, Row 3: Samantha Cavanaugh, Jasmine Phillips, Alexandra Jacobs, Erin Shaw, Shelby Kucharyski, Esther Allen, Madison Buyer, Jaylyn Gaul, Nahiyha Porter, Megan Dalton, Row 4: Kellee Davidson, Elizabeth Brown, Gillian Walls, Ann Fink, Natalie Gruszka, Alena Tonne, Kelly Lyp, Phoebe Rogers, Ellie Joll, Rushelle Miller, Peyton Muhlmann, Row 5: Cylie Miller, Margeaux Lustina, Claire Brennecke, Samantha Van Dam, Rosy Delgado, Mary Johnson, Taesa Stock, Madison Ochs, Emily Johnson, Carissa Steele, Row 6: Anne Johnson, Demetra Spores, Catrine Faurby, Malerie Mech, Victoia Kolar, Emily Ditto, Lucy Cobble, Shelby Lemmon, Janna Beutler, Olivia Murray, Meredith Hite, Row 7: Leo VanLaan, Kyle Johnson, Manager Riley Sunday, Adam Nellesen, Allie Goodpaster, Mike Walker



### MVP Samantha Cavanaugh



	Us	Them
Chesterton	60	71
Crown Point	54	78
Lake Central	47	85
LaPorte	79	53
Michigan City	103	29
Munster	86	46
Portage	78	54
DAC Meet	96 (2nd place)	

**Overall Record: 4-3**



Junior **Erin Nosbusch**, out with a strain, looks the starter and cheers on her team.



**Brittney Clark, 9**

"I would have to say pole vault. There are not a lot of people who do it, and the people who do are very together as one."



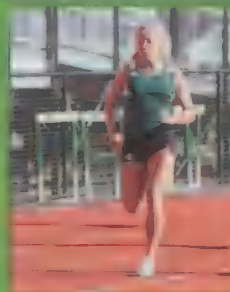
**Marguise Lustina, 9**

"Long jump. It's so fun to run and gain momentum for the jump!"



**Olivia Murray, 11**

"I like to throw things far and be part of a team, so I chose shot and disc."



**Emily Gatlin, 12**

"My favorite is the 400 because it's the most challenging. It's kind of hard to maintain a sprint for a lap!"

Which of your events is your favorite?



Senior **Alissa Anselm** catapults herself over nine feet, six inches.



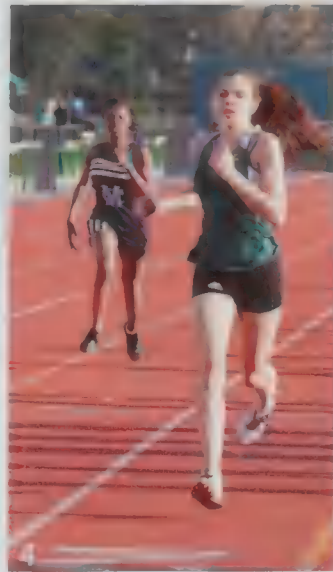
Halfway through a 400 meter relay, junior **Alexandra Jacobs** passes the baton to freshman **Emily Smith**.



Sophomores **Madison Tarry** and **Sara Lynch** stretch and stay warm while they wait for their field events to start.

## One Foot in Front of the Other

1: Freshman **Elena Kipp** and junior **Alena Tonne** help keep each other's pace during the 2-mile. 2: Freshmen **Isabella Iussig** and **Julia Fink** and junior **Samantha Van Dam** run the mile. 3: Junior **Ann Fink**, freshman **Daniella Zarate**, and senior **Kelly Lyp** power through the mile. 4: Junior **Janna Beutler** crosses the finish line of the 400 sprint. Beutler joined the track team this year after coming to America from Switzerland.





# Going..Going... GONE!

## *Varsity Baseball*



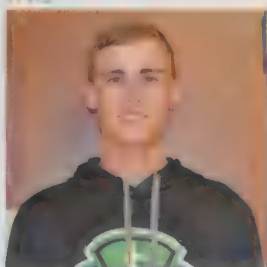
Row 1: Bryce Crook, Evan Walls, Dominic Snemis, Alfonso Casaday, Jared Lasky  
 Row 2: Seamus Welsh, Jordon Swenson, Michael Jindra, Sam Miller, Jack Healy, Tyler Ellrich, Ryan Wexelberg, Justin Duty  
 Row 3: Austin Ford, Matt Mayes, Conner Tenhove, Max Roberts

### CAPTAINS

LEADERS  
on the field



Sam Miller



Max Roberts

Most Valuable Player:

**Sam Miller, 12**

	Us	Them
Munster	4	3
Griffith	5	7
Portage	3	6
Crown Point	5	4
New Prairie	18	0
Highland	1	7
Lake Central	9	6
Knox	10	0
Chesterton	6	3
LaPorte	3	9
Michigan City	6	0
Merrillville	2	3
Warsaw	12	2
	12	8
Portage	6	0
Crown Point	9	10
Lake Central	2	3
Chesterton	6	1
LaPorte	1	5
Michigan City	11	1
Hobart	5	6
Merrillville	15	3

**Overall Record: 13-9**



Senior **Ryan Wexelberg** makes a play at short stop.



Senior **Michael Jindra** dives back to first base in order to avoid the tag.



Junior **Bryce Crook** steals second base on a passed ball.



Junior **Jack Healy** gets ready for the play at third base.



The whole team celebrates on home plate after a home run.



Stepping Up to the Plate



Senior **Alfonso Casaday**



Junior **Conner Tenhove**



Senior **Sam Miller**



Row 1: Jordon Swenson, Jon Kilpinen, Sam Miller, Alfonso Casaday, Ryan Wexelberg, Bryce Crook  
 Row 2: John Healy, Matt Mayes, Austin Ford, Jared Lasky, Michael Jindra  
 Row 3: Kathleen Mulroe, Lauren Wong, Seamus Welsh, Evan Walls, Dominic Snemis, Anita Angon  
 Row 4: Max Roberts, Conner Tenhove, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Chad Evans, Coach Jake Plesac, Justin Duty, Tyler Ellrich

1. Junior **Conner Tenhove** gets ready to field the ball at first base.
2. Senior **Sam Miller** huddles up with his team before going into the dugout.



Senior **Alfonso Casaday** stretches to make the play at first base.



Senior **Tyler Ellrich** pitches against Lowell.



Junior **Evan Walls** rounds second base after a line drive is hit on the right side.



The team huddles up before taking on offense.



Senior **Justin Duty** and Coach Todd Evans celebrate after a walk.



# Hit and Run

## Freshmen Baseball



Row 1: Nick Caputo, Connor Brinson, Dane Stanley, Ryley Brown, Ryan Vendl, Zachary Richey

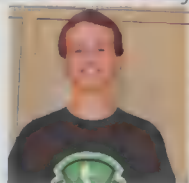
Row 2: Austyn Pryatel, Riley Woodward, Zack Bales, Alex Coil, Gunnar Pullins, Bridget Reid

Row 3: Coach Nick Slater, Joseph McIntyre, Marcus Gholston, Matthew Jindra, Cameron Brice, Charlie Healy, Coach John Nuppnau

	Us	Them
Boone Grove	14	2
Portage	11	1
Crown Point	5	10
Lake Central	8	5
Chesterton	18	6
Munster	10	3
Hobart	14	2
Highland	8	1
Andean	11	1
	13	6
Portage	8	6
Crown Point	8	7
Chesterton	13	3
Lowell	14	4
Munster	6	2
Kankakee Valley	14	4
Hobart	23	4

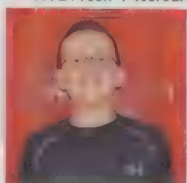
**Overall Record: 16-1**

### Most Valuable Player



Charlie Healy

### Mental Attitude



Nick Caputo

*Describe this year's season in one word...*

Gunnar Pullins  
"LEGENDARY"



Ryan Vendl  
"AWESOME"



Nick Caputo  
"MEMORABLE"

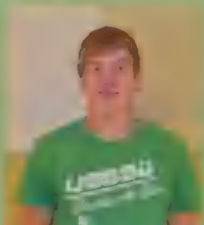


### CAPTAINS

PERSEVERANCE



Riley Woodward



Marcus Gholston



Connor Brinson

1. Freshman **Charlie Healy** leads off of first base.
2. Freshmen **Dane Stanley, Zack Bales, Joseph McIntyre** and **Riley Woodward** huddle up before going out to the field to play defense.
3. Freshman **Zack Bales** pitches in the game against Crown Point.





# Junior Varsity



Row 1: Adrian Casaday, Austin White, Raymond Kreloff, Kyle Zellers, Patrick Kelly, Billy Baldwin  
 Row 2: Delaney Baldwin, Max Behrend, Bobby Lee, Eric Klobucar, Lucas Schultz, Leslie Monterroso  
 Row 3: Matthew Graber, Jared McMaster, Jeremy Risetter, Derek Lasky, Patrick Olson, Coach Chance Garbison

## MENTAL ATTITUDE

## CAPTAINS

HARD WORK and DETERMINATION



Max Behrend



Jared McMaster



Austin White



1. The team huddles up after a good inning.
2. Sophomore **Jeremy Risetter** winds up to pitch against Merrillville.
3. Sophomore **Kyle Zellers** leads off of first base and waits for the pitch.

## What was your favorite moment of the season?



"My favorite part of this season was winning six straight games after our JV team bonding."  
**-Jared McMaster, 11**



"My favorite moment was Coach Garbison breaking his bat on home plate."  
**-Billy Baldwin, 10**



"My favorite moment of the season was beating one of the best teams in the conference, Crown Point. Everyone was hitting so well and the kids in the dugout were so loud. It was just a great atmosphere."  
**-Derek Lasky, 10**



"My favorite part was when we had a team bonding meeting and then won six games in a row."  
**-Patrick Kelly, 10**

	Us	Them
Highland	7	12
Boone Grove	2	6
Griffith	6	1
Portage	5	6
Crown Point	7	14
New Prairie	15	0
Lake Central	7	4
Chesterton	1	11
LaPorte	7	15
Michigan City	6	5
Merrillville	3	4
Warsaw	13	2
	4	3
Portage	5	4
Crown Point	10	5
Lake Central	11	6
Chesterton	2	5
LaPorte	2	3
Michigan City	0	6
Merrillville	10	0
	14	4

**Overall Record: 11-10**

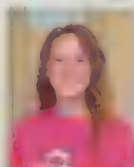




# Leave it All on the Field

## Girls Softball

CAPTAINS



Maia Lazerwitz Shelby D'Aloisio



Danielle Angert Liz Schroeder

MENTAL ATTITUDE



Avery Hicks

1. Freshman **Emily Petro** pitches at the game against Chesterton.
2. Sophomore **Danielle Angert** gets ready for the fly ball in center field.
3. Playing third base, freshman **Beth Kupsis** gets ready for the play.
4. Freshman **Allison Gatz** rounds second base after stealing on a passed ball.
5. Freshman **Payton Wills** goes up to bat.



1. Freshman **Brooke Templin** up to bat at the game against Crown Point.



2. Infield players meet on the pitcher's mound to celebrate after making a play.
3. Sophomore **Maia Lazerwitz** swings during the Lowell game.

	Us	Them
New Prairie	3	13
Lowell	3	17
	2	10
Michigan City	15	3
	7	3
Wheeler	15	5
Merrillville	25	7
	13	3
Highland	3	13
	3	4
	4	2
Portage	2	13
	0	15
Crown Point	2	4
	2	1
	17	7
Penn	2	21
	1	15
Lake Central	3	16
	1	18
Chesterton	8	14
	5	15
LaPorte	1	1
	6	11
Mishawaka	8	7
Munster	0	13
Hobart	3	4
North Newton	8	3

**Overall Record: 10-17-1**



Row 1: Shelby D'Aloisio, Beth Kupsis, Alexis Schoenenberger, Brooke Templin  
 Row 2: Emily Petro, Avery Hicks, Allison Gatz, Danielle Angert, Liz Schroeder  
 Row 3: Coach Lindsay Morris, Hannah McIlree, Payton Wills, Maia Lazerwitz, Alyssa Moreno, Coach Karissa Inglis





1. Freshman **Maya Seifert** dives for a ball at short stop.
2. Senior **Molly Gravier** pitches at the game against rival Chesterton.
3. Junior **Hannah Walsh** tags a girl out at third base.
4. Freshman **Hanna Thomas** gets up to bat at the game against Lowell.
5. Sophomore **Kayla Ferrari** fields a ball hit deep into center field.
6. Junior **Cassie Bengs** leads off of second base.



Row 1: Hanna Thomas, Abbey Thomas, Hannah Walsh, Sarah Beischer, Cassie Bengs  
 Row 2: Mary Jancovich, Hannah Holloway, Kennedy Minko, Kayla Ferrari, Molly Gravier, Jenna Roganovich  
 Row 3: Coach Lisa Baisden, Coach Tracy Corneil, Maya Seifert, Olivia Vinyard, Alexis Enright, Coach Lindsay Morris, Coach Karissa Inglis

	Us	Them
New Prairie	5	7
Lowell	3	10
Michigan City	11	1
	11	0
Wheeler	8	9
Merrillville	6	2
	9	7
Highland	5	8
	4	5
Portage	2	12
	0	5
	0	10
Crown Point	1	9
	0	5
Penn	1	11
	9	11
Lake Central	3	8
	0	10
Chesterton	10	11
	9	11
LaPorte	5	9
	2	7
Mishawaka	0	4
Munster	3	5
Hobart	2	3

**Overall Record: 5-20**



1. Junior **Kennedy Minko** pitches in the second game of the double header against Highland.
2. Junior **Abbey Thomas** makes the stretch for a play at first base.
3. Senior **Sarah Beischer** slides into second base after a steal.
4. Junior **Jenna Roganovich** is up to bat at the Viking Arena.



## LEADERSHIP

Molly Gravier

## MVP



Kennedy Minko



## MENTAL ATTITUDE



# Boys Golf

*Better than par*

The senior-heavy VHS boys golf team proved both their individual talents and team success. After losing key seniors over the past two years, the team was challenged early on, but after not making regionals last year for the first time since 1997, the seniors and the rest of the boys golf team were ready to prove that they could persevere. After a slow start, the Vikings roared back in early May to claim a 150-155 victory over then Times No. 1 Crown Point and then defeated then Times No. 2 Lake Central 170-178. At the Rensselaer Invite, the Vikings cleaned things up with a 13-stroke victory.

Senior **Eric Yiankes** assumed a position of leadership this year, along with fellow senior **Brandon Hamill**. Yiankes has been playing golf since sixth grade and considers the most rewarding part of the sport to be the fact that it "teaches you many life lessons."

Freshman **Ryan Gring** summed up the goals of this year's team.

"I want to get better scores, and I want to win as many matches as we can," Gring said.

Row 1: Ryan Gring, Jake Goldsmith, Zach Holmes, Nate Letnich, Trey Pixley, Elliott Husiar, Chase Galipeau  
Row 2: Coach Wayne Lichtenberger, Robert Kreloff, Anthony Kalin, Eric Yiankes, Brandon Hamill, Tyler Gall, Jake Pancek, Coach Dane Brown



Senior **Brandon Hamill** attempts a short-range put.

In order to get a better view of his put, freshman **Ryan Gring** kneels down to the level of the green. "In golf, it's rewarding enough to play," Gring said.



Freshman **Trey Pixley** retrieves his ball after putting it in as sophomore **Robert Kreloff** prepares his shot.



Senior **Jake Pancek** focuses and prepares to sink a put.



The Varsity team poses for a picture after a tournament victory.





1.

1. Freshman **Ryan Gring** displays proper form as he begins the hole with a drive.



2.

2. Sophomore **Robert Kreloff** receives advice from coach **Dane Brown**.



3.

3. While using extreme focus, senior **Nate Letnich** begins a put.



4.

4. Using his putter, senior **Brandon Hamill** attempts to calculate the angle in order to make the shot.



5.

5. Senior **Eric Yiankes** sets up for a put.



6.

6. Senior **Chase Galipeau** demonstrates proper swing form and follow-through.



7.

7. Freshman **Trey Pixley** begins to chip a fairway shot.

Marquette	165	193
Highland	141	193
Lake Central	342	326
Michigan City/	172	170,175
Portage		
JV Invite	3rd	
Aberdeen	4th	
Classic		
Morgan/South	175	185, 194
Central		
Chesterton	179	169
LaPorte/MC	168	172, 179
Rensselaer	1st	
Invite		
Merrillville/LC	166	203,148
Portage/CP	155	159,157
Chesterton/	160	160,159
LC		
Merrillville/LP	164	196,156
Michigan City	160	171
DAC		6th

**MVP: Jake Pancek**





# Girls Varsity Tennis

## *You've Met Your Match*

Tennis is different from other sports since players not only strive for individual excellence but also compete as a team. This year's varsity and junior varsity teams focused on team unity as well as tennis skills.

"Our girls have really gotten along this year; it really helps us work as a whole," junior and MVP **Rachel Crookston** said. The girls had a few setbacks with some cancelled meets but finished with a strong overall record of 8-11.

Through it all, the team improved and had a successful year. All of the girls worked hard to achieve their personal and team goals for the season.



### *MVP: Rachel Crookston*

The 2015 Girl's Varsity Tennis Most Valuable Player was Rachel Crookston. She was a strong leader and worked hard for this award.

	Us	Them
Hobart	3	2
Plymouth	1	4
Culver	2	3
Penn	5	0
Lake Central	2	3
Merrillville	5	0
Michigan City	2	3
LaPorte	2	3
Highland	5	0
Crown Point	0	5
Portage	4	1
St. Joe	0	5
Chesterton	1	4
Fort Wayne Bishop	4	1
Culver	3	2
Munster	0	5
Wheeler (Sectionals)	5	0
Portage (Sectionals)	3	2
Chesterton (Sectionals)	0	5



Row 1: Madeline Farnsworth, Shannon Tucker, Anne Warner, Keeley Evans, Ema Giliana, Natalia Mosher

Row 2: Coach Lisa Hartman, Alexis Orlich, Rachel Crookston, Ema Giliana, Kirsten Billetter, Madison Farnsworth, Coach Tim Shideler





Junior **Rebecca Erftenbeck** keeps her eye on the ball.



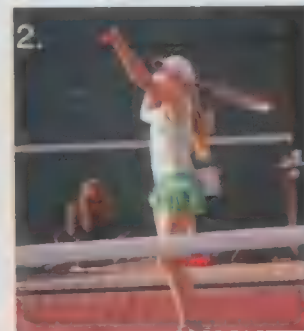
Freshman **Julie Wappel** wishes her opponent good luck before the match.



Sophomore **Alexa Lahey** is ready for the ball to be served.

# Girls Junior Varsity Tennis

*Tennis Starts with Love*



1. The tennis team starts with stretches to warm up before the match.
2. To begin the game, junior **Adoree Bowgren** serves the ball with a killer serve.
3. Sophomore **Hannah Kearney** performs a backhand shot to win the point.
4. At the end of the match, doubles partners **Rachel Reilly** and **Elizabeth O'Connor** shake hands with their opponents.



Row 1: Julie Wappel, Rachel Reilly, Alex Hinding, Rebecca Erftenbeck, Hannah Kearney, Katherine Blauner

Row 2: Coach Lisa Hauser, Alexis Lahey, Elizabeth O'Connor, Emma Ault,

Adoree Bowgren, Coach Tim Shideler

What do you want to improve on this tennis season?



"This tennis season I hope to improve on my consistency of getting my backhand shots in the court."  
—Adoree Bowgren, 11

"I have already improved on having more of a calm mental attitude, and the team's communication has been a lot better this season."  
—Emma Ault, 10



Designed by Lisa Hauser



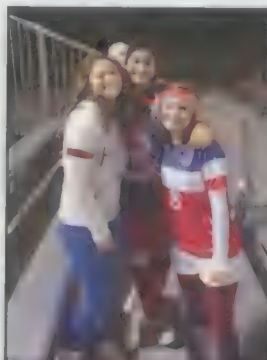
# "Part of the Crowd"

## Viking Nation

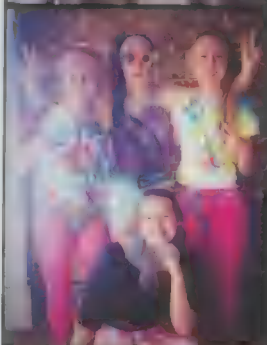
Viking Nation is a student-run group that organized themes and led the students in cheers and various chants. Students came out to football, basketball and soccer games to cheer and support the teams. Seniors led their peers and had the privilege of standing in the front row.

The themes included Retro Night, Neon Night, Green and White Outs, Black Out, Frat, Toga Night and many more. The teams appreciated the huge support system that Viking Nation provided.

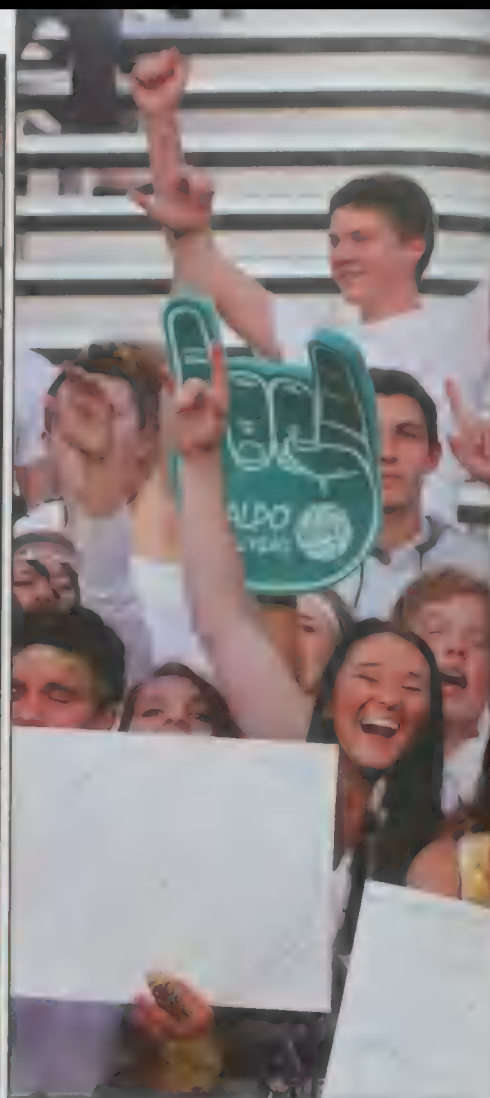
Sophomores **Camille Thiros, Malika Saxena** and **Isabel Uzelac** pose before the football game. The theme was "America Night."



Seniors **Grace Withrow, Kayla Gates, Julia Manion,** and **Kathryn Bower** pose before the "Retro Night" football game.



A group of dedicated seniors travel to the first football game at Penn High School.



Students gather in the parking lot for a pre-game tailgate. The theme was toga night against Chesterton.

Seniors **Kayla Gates, Rebecca Riley, Erin Thomas** and **Meghan Lomas**, in the front row of the student section, cheer on the football team against Chesterton.



Viking Nation cheers on the boys basketball team. This game was frat/preppy themed.





Students come out to support the football team against Chesterton.



1. The Viking Nation cheers on the boys basketball team during free throws. The theme of the game was "That Night."

2. Junior Lia Milroy and seniors Rushelle Miller, Nicole Chiabai and Cylie Miller pose before the football game. The theme was "Retro Night."

3. Viking Nation goes wild at the first home football game. The theme was "Green and White."





# The Things That Help Make a School

*Students Tell Why They Joined Clubs*



"I'm in Art Club, and I like it because it's a form of expression and there's so much freedom."

-**Emilie Kostecka**, 12



"I'm in Key Club because I love helping the community and touching the hearts of others."

-**Matthew Graber**, 9



"[I joined] Spanish Club because it's really neat and interesting to see people learn and enjoy the Spanish culture."

-**Anita Angon**, 11



"[I am in] UNICEF because of the great pleasure in helping less fortunate."

-**Ryan Shrader**, 10



"[I like] Hope Club because I love hanging out with my friends."

-**Diamesha Magee**, 12



"I'm in AOK and Hope Club because I like to contribute to helping others and making a difference in our community."

-**Emma Adams**, 9



"I like German Club because of the people I meet and the trips we go on."

-**Devin Jaremczuk**, 10



"[I joined] LEAD because I enjoy helping kids grow to be better people."

-**Lily Whited**, 10

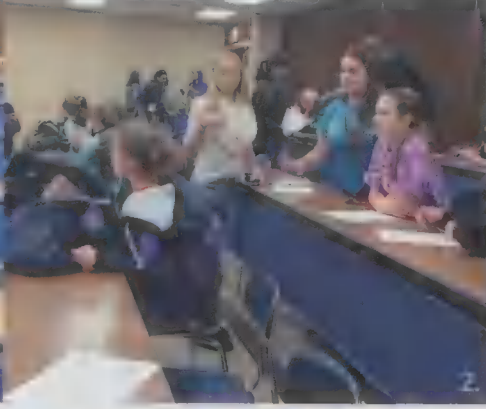


"I'm in GSA because I like all the people in the club and that people can feel welcome."

-**Sarah Martin**, 11

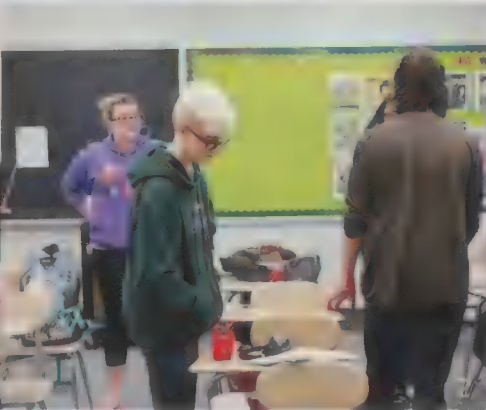


1. GSA participates in an event to help raise awareness for their club's cause.  
 2. Members of various clubs play soccer at Ogden Gardens.  
 3. Freshman **Maggie Hesler** decides which club event to sign up for.



1. Freshmen **Damien Hansen** and **William Coe** make plans for Key Club.  
 2. Some Key Club members discuss the events they did.  
 3. Senior **Samantha Coryell** picks up trash at the beach.

1. The EAC takes a break from cleaning the beach.  
 2. Junior **Joseph Keenan** plays ping pong to blow off steam.  
 3. Junior **Aaron King** prepares to serve the ball.



1. GSA talks about plans for the Day of Silence.  
 2. GSA members discuss how they can impact the school.  
 3. Juniors **Marnee Kirkpatrick** and **Sydney Spillers** collect garbage at the dunes.

1. EAC walks away with bags full of trash from the dunes.  
 2. Freshmen **Alexis Komcamp** and **Rachel Rose** make plans for which events they will volunteer for.  
 3. Juniors **Shelby Hoyert** and **Gabriel Rodea** talk about GSA.





# A Band

*We have sharp skills*

What was your favorite concert of the year?



"Elementary Schools Band Demo because the kids were so enthusiastic."

-Robert Gallowitch, 12

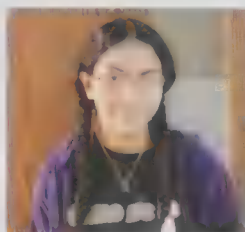
"Disney Concert because of all the people that were there."

-Kathryn Berger, 12



"This is our story because all the bands were together."

-Selena Martinez, 12

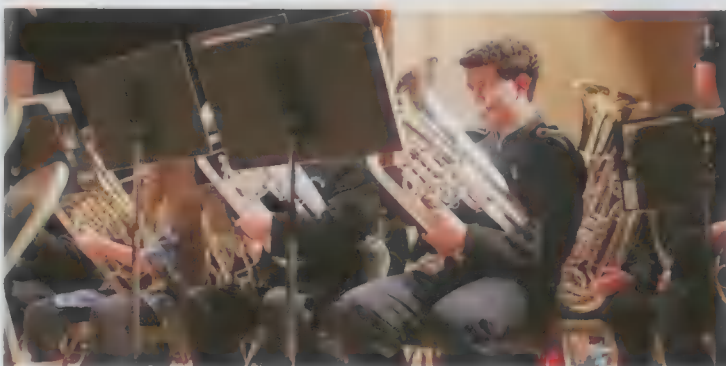


1. Senior **Nathan Bingard**, junior **Mark Small** and senior **Lorand Calumpang** warm up.

2. Senior **Taylor Kovats** plays a song from the Disney Concert. She practices the song "Let It Go."

1. Junior **Brian Karr** plays a song at the band extravaganza.

2. Junior **Megan Rahn** plays "Frozen" songs at the Disney concert.



Row 1: Katelyn Ayers, Emma Mazurek, Kathryn Berger, Selena Martinez, Taylor Kovats, Kate Brogan

Row 2: Megan Rahn, Darian Low, Madeline Buls, Meredith Hite, Jessica Swieringa, Timothy Henderson, Austin Garbison, Ally Runnion, Joel Uban, Sydnye Nosbusch, Anna Jones, Madeline Bleza

Row 3: Madeline Hathoot, Michael Bukata, Carissa Steele, Kathryn Kirk, Archita Vohra, Samantha Matisko, Grayson Woods, Robert Gallowitch, Jenna Dambek, Abigail Mitchell, Elizabeth Bell, Jacqueline Keenan, Dominic Davis, Nathan Courtney, Eric Hess, Gregory Heskett, Mary Cobble, Steven Fisher, William Yogan, Michael Girman, Nicole Huth, Matt May, Dylan Nguyen, Nathan Moore, Brian Karr

Row 4: Director Miguel Rosario, Nathan Bongard, Anthony Nelson, Natalie Gruszka, Mark Small, Lorand Calumpang





What was your  
favorite concert of  
the year?

"Disney concert because of the  
music."

-Mitz Calumpang, 11

"The Epic Film Concert with the V.U.  
band."

-Olivia Rosario, 10

"Without a doubt the Disney Concert."

-Brianna Johnson, 10

# B Band

*Let the music play*



1. Junior **Ann Fink** plays at the band extravaganza.
2. The percussion adds a beat to the music for the Disney Concert.

1. Sophomore **Emily Johnson** warms up with some scales.
2. Conductor **Wayne Coil** helps the band warm up.
3. The A Band and B Band play together for the Disney concert.



Row 1: Anne Johnson, Amberleigh Greene, Rebecca Gronceski, Michaela Bogue, Miya Litke Adams, Alexa Kudrak  
Row 2: Samantha Kovats, Emily Johnson, Lily Pepin, Claire Bartusch, Hevyn Frailey, Francie Fink, Katherine Penman, Chris Zart, Dennis Murray, Meagan Hale  
Row 3: Erin Shaw, Shelby Hoyert, Morgan Fifield, Brandon Brychell, Theodore Tripodis, Taylor Murphy, Sam Nowosad, Nic Krenz, Mitz Calumpang, Ava Massarella, Mallory Krown, Brian Green, Adrien Martin, Trey Rodriguez  
Row 4: Director Miguel Rosario, Brenden Gerig, Luke Brown, Brianna Johnson



# Symphonic Band

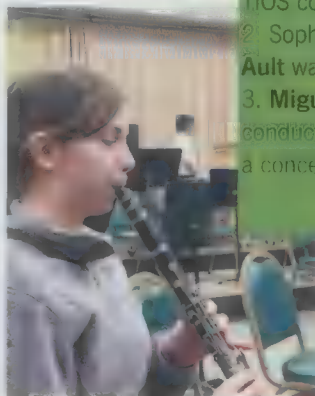
*We'll never be flat*



1. **Miguel Rosario** conducts the band in the Disney concert.
2. Sophomore **Alexandra Geolz** gets her music ready for class.



1. Sophomores **Renorah Hall** and **Grace Hathaway** play at the TIOS concert.



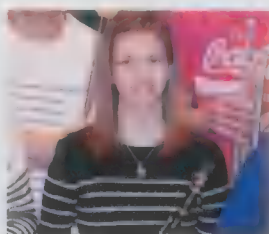
2. Sophomore **Olivia Ault** warms up.



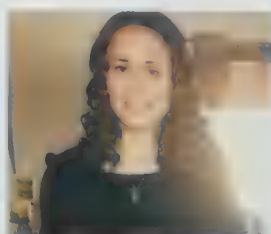
3. **Miguel Rosario** conducts all the bands in a concert.



What was your favorite concert of the year?



"My favorite was Disney because of all the music."  
-**Olivia Ault**, 10



"TIOS because I loved playing with all the bands together."  
-**Brooke Holladsworth**, 10



"My favorite concert is the Disney concert."  
-**Ally Goetz**, 10



"My favorite is the last concert of the year because we play a tribute to the seniors."  
- **Miguel Rosario**, Director

Row 1: Olivia Ault, Alexis Gonzalez, Emily Poncher, Grace Hathaway, Brooke Holladsworth  
Row 2: Donovan Hilbrich, William Marischen, Declan Murray, Jacob Reid, Andrew Airey, Director Miguel Rosario

3 Clarinets

3 Flutes

3 Percussion

2 Brass

Symphonic band instruments

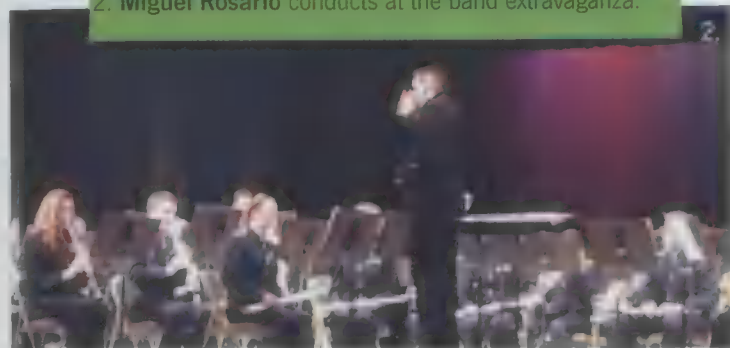






1. Wayne Coil conducts Concert Band to prepare for the next concert.

2. Miguel Rosario conducts at the band extravaganza.

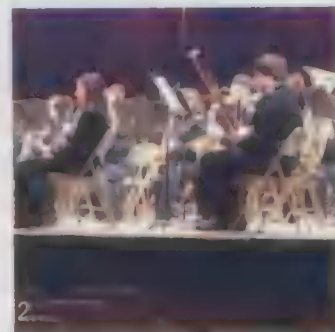


# Concert Band

*Never out of tune*



1. The clarinets play music for the viking brass concert.



2. The Concert Band and the A Band play together at the winter band concert.



"The Sousa Concert because it was great music."

-Jared Buls, 9



"17th annual Sousa Tribute Concert."

-Charles McGinley, 9



"TIOS because we got to play with a lot of other people."

-Timothy Bell, 9



"My favorite concert was the Viking Brass Concert."

-Wayne Coil, Director

What was your favorite concert of the year?

Row 1: Rachel Rose, Cecilia Hilbrich, Daniella Zarate, Julian Reynolds, Jorge Apolo, Esther Allen

Row 2: Caitlin Brown, Emma Runnion, Amelia Thayer, Grace Cobble, Joseph McMurtrey, Gerrit Carlson, Kathleen Sherman, Shayann Plummer, Nathan Lin, Elianna Cox, Demetra Christos, Daniel Gardner

Row 3: Gabrielle Green, Jacob Matthews, Chase Brandt, Caroline Bonczyk, Shenal Karunaratne, Tristan Hargett, Alexander Coil, Carl Frey, Sabrina Cameli, Nick Will, Matt Cavanaugh, Ben Kroeger, Abby Wester, Jose Angon, Payton Wills, Tyrus Pawlik, Maggie Hesler, Nathan Lewis, Andrew Recker, Lucy Cobble

Row 4: Director Wayne Coil, Jared Buls, Noah Bleza, George Goldfarb, Sean Murley, Charles McGinley, Timothy Bell, Megan Dalton, Brendan Devine, Director Miguel Rosario





# Concert Choir

*Students achieve perfect harmony*

This year's Concert Choir worked hard since day one. Everyone in Concert Choir agreed that being in this choir is not easy and that they had to push themselves to become amazing performers. The group's performances included Fall Fantasia, This is Our Story, and Serenade of Spring. Each show featured different songs in various styles and languages.

"Concert Choir is often the highlight of my day," sophomore **Angela Harrington** said. "It feels good to have earned my place in such a successful choir. I love how rewarding it is to finally master a foreign piece."

The choir also competes in ISSMA State Finals. Junior **Rachel Gebhardt** said, "State Qualifications and State Finals are the most exciting part of Concert Choir. We all really push ourselves in preparing fantastic pieces. The environment of state is so exhilarating! Choir is always a great experience each year."

Concert Choir's diligence and talent contributed to an 8th place finish at state.

The soprano section of Concert Choir poses for a picture at This is Our Story.



The Concert Choir sings Christmas music at This is Our Story under the direction of choral director **Linda Schonbachler**.



What was your favorite song of This is Our Story?

Three songs from This is Our Story: "This is Our Story", "The Christmas Song", and "Serenade of Spring".  
—Sophie Kaminiski, 11

"My favorite song was 'This is Our Story' because it was the first song we sang and it was the first song we learned. It was a great experience and I loved it!"  
—Taylor Blak, 10

"My favorite song from This is Our Story is 'Serenade of Spring' because it was the first song we sang and it was the first song we learned. It was a great experience and I loved it!"  
—Michael Bukata, 11

Row 1: Carli Meihofer, Daniel Barajas, Andrew Flasch, Madeline Blaney, Claire Simon  
 Row 2: Angela Harrington, Storm Stevenson, Rebecca Kolawski, Kimberly Jankowski, Dylan Nyguen, Noah Komoscar, Michael Radford, Patrick Azar, Margaret Nagai, Laura Riggle, Kathryn Jankowski, Kaitlyn Sarver  
 Row 3: Carol Hazen, Rebecca Roe, Olivia Chappell, Emma Mazurek, Jordan Begay, Michael Bukata, Deveon Williams, Brian Gonzalez, Jonathon Stocker, Rachel Neinast, Victoria Cox, Julia Couch, Linda Schonbachler  
 Row 4: Veronica Mockus, Caittlynd Conley, Cassidy Gearhardt, Julia Michaels, Taylor Briel, Seth Stevenson, Ryan Miles, Isiah Javier, Gare Paul, Ava Masseralla, Phoebe Abner, Emily Ahrendt, Rachael Gebhardt  
 Row 5: Sara Kupsis, Olivia Murray, Kylie Staples, Renee Ramanostki, Sophie Kaminiski, David Staub, Eric Ivory, Corey Gardner, Isaiah Smith, Micah Nord, Jackson Block, Paris Sark, Rachelle Takish, Carly DeKock, Katleyn Hagen





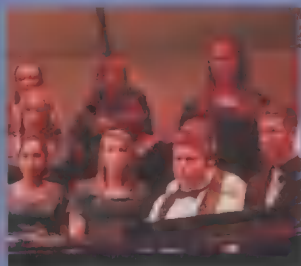


The alto and tenor sections sing a foreign language piece called "Kyrie."

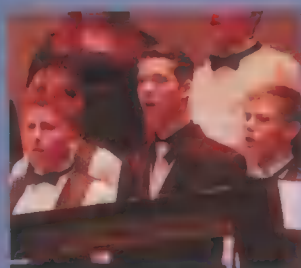
# Mixed Chorus *Happiness is singing in a choir*

Throughout the year, students in Mixed Chorus performed at numerous concerts and contests. Everyone worked to improve, and the students were hard working and respectful. The Mixed Chorus performed at Fall Fantasia, This is Our Story, and Serenade of Spring. They also competed at ISSMA, earning gold and silver medals. The members of Mixed Chorus not only sang but also learned new skills everyday. The choir learned new sight reading skills and new languages, broadening their music repertoire.

"I've learned to never give up even when things seem hard. I've learned that you should ask for help when you need it. Choir taught me how to make friends, and I loved that I could always look forward to it," freshman **Madison Dickens** said.



"Cross The Wide Missouri," Mary Johnson, 11

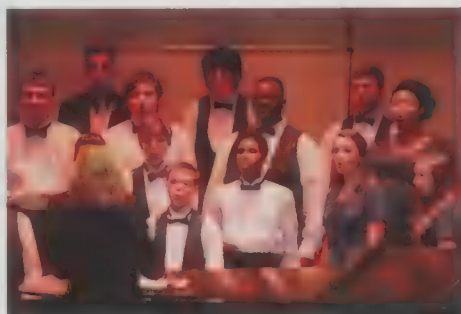


"I would have to say my favorite Fall Fantasia song is 'Whole Story' because of how interesting we do in the song." **Alissa Florida**, 11



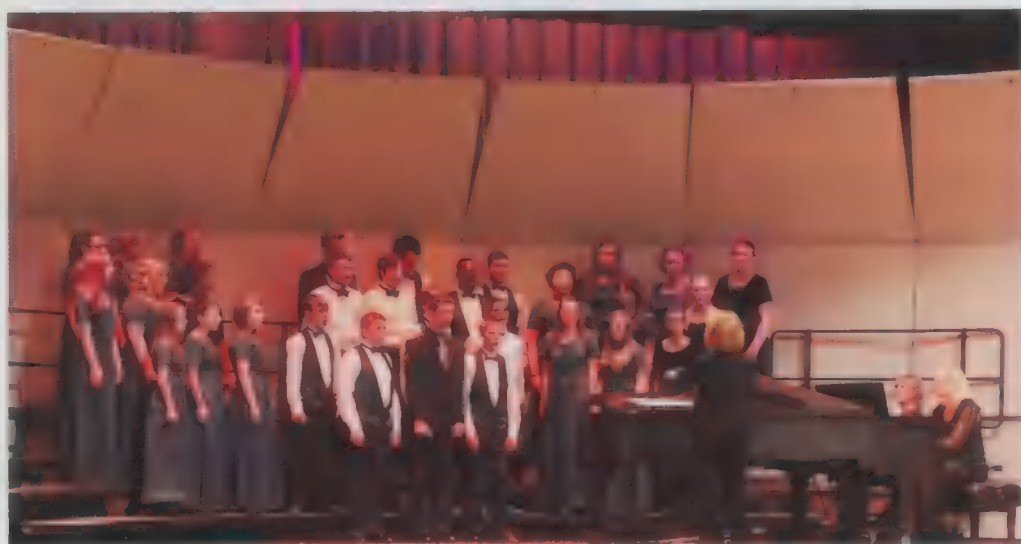
"One Mind, One Heart, One Hope" was my favorite song." **Tori Cox**, 11

What was your favorite Fall Fantasia song?



**Linda Schonbachler** directs the Mixed Chorus at Fall Fantasia on Oct. 21.

The Mixed Chorus sings 'One Mind, One Heart, One Hope' as their finale for Fall Fantasia.



Row 1: Logan Ferngren, Elizabeth Cardona, Madison Dickens, Cheyenne Forystek, Alissa VanZuidam, Tara Maxey, Hope Johnson  
Row 2: Madilyn Mayernick, Ariel Butler, Christopher Grace, Michael Kelley, Robert Trieu, Amber Wilson, Maya Cortes, Linda Schonbachler  
Row 3: Beth Harmon, Sydney Clark, Payten Kunze, Mary Johnson, Destiny Johnson, Rachelle Takish, Kirsten Treptow, Alexis Demonja



# Women's Chorus

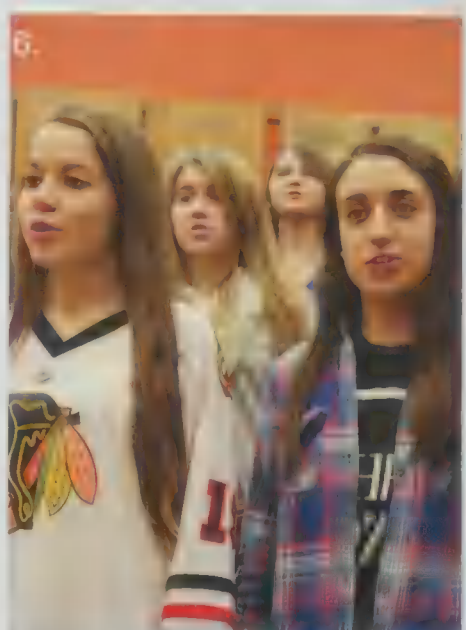
## *This is why we sing*

To be a part of Women's Chorus, these young ladies had to prove themselves capable of harder music and skills. Besides being technical singers, everyone in Women's Chorus had to love music.

"Music is a way to express myself, and I love that I'm constantly improving and getting to do what I love," freshman **Emma Adams** said. The girls were dedicated all year to better their performance and to have fun. Everyone had a great mindset from the beginning, and this helped them achieve their goals. They performed at seasonal concerts three times this year and won gold at the Group 3 ISSMA contest in April.



1. Juniors **Rachelle Takish** and **Alexis Demonja** begin class by warming up with different vocal exercises. 2. Director **Linda Schonbachler** plays the piano while Women's Chorus sings choir music. 3. The sophomore performs choreography during the Christmas song "Mistletoe." 4. During class, the choir practices and perfects different songs for the upcoming concert. 5. The Women's and Men's Chorus combine forces to sing Christmas songs. 6. Sophomores **Noel Villasenor** and junior **Kathryn Janoski** sing new songs during choir class.



Row 1: Megan Simons, Rachael Neinast, Rebecca Roe, Alexis Demonja, Rachelle Takish, Kaitlyn Sarver  
 Row 2: Angela Pralow, Elizabeth Kupsis, Mollie Gniadek, Tabitha Jones, Harini Kota, Lindsey Walsh, Katrin Jerry, Kirstie Ashton, Noel Villasenor, Kathryn Janoski  
 Row 3: Beth Harmon, Emma Gottlieb, Ariel Butler, Alexandra Skinner, Anna Perdicologos, Jessika McDonald, Kaytlin Beyer, Katelynn Philpott, Aaliyah Millikin, Allison Skadberg, Samantha Merali, Linda Schonbachler  
 Row 4: Allison Bottorff, Mikaela Karolzak, Morgan Carmahan, Megan Bentley, Lindsey Lease, Gabby Doelling, Bethany Howe, Carolynne Kaminski, Emma Adams, Madeline Shepley, Haylee Witt, Samantha Miller, Marybeth Scheibel

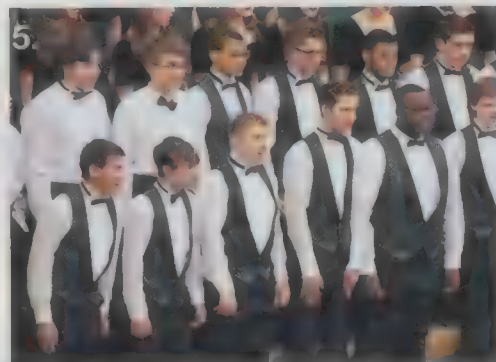
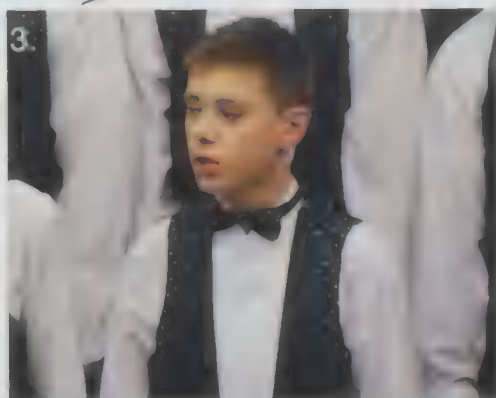
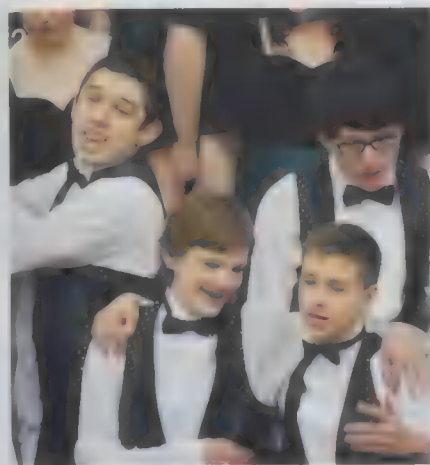






# Men's Chorus

*It's a music thing*



1. The men sing "I'll Sail Right Home to You" to begin their performance at Fall Fantasia. 2. The guys pose while singing "Mistletoe" at This Is Our Story. 3. Freshman Alex Barlett hits the right note at This Is Our Story. 4. The guys sing the foreign language piece "Ubi Caritas Et Amor." 5. Men's Chorus gets in the holiday spirit by singing Christmas tunes. 6. The entire Men's Chorus performs their final song, called "The Noble Son," to end their portion of the Fall Fantasia. 7. Juniors Jordan Beguy and Michael Radford perform at Fall Fantasia.



Row 1: Garret Paul, Paris Sark, Michael Radford, Michael Nieto, Ryan Miles  
Row 2: Beth Harmon, Matthew Klemm, Austin Florio, Isahia Javier, Alex Bartlett, Linda Schonbachler  
Row 3: Zac Flasch, Deveon Williams, Robert Trieu



## Which Varsity Singers performance did you enjoy most?

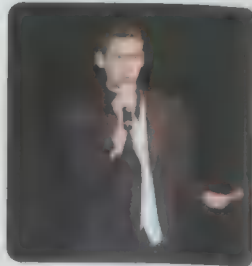


“I like the Christmas [performances] because they spread the Christmas cheer.”

—Kylie Staples, 12

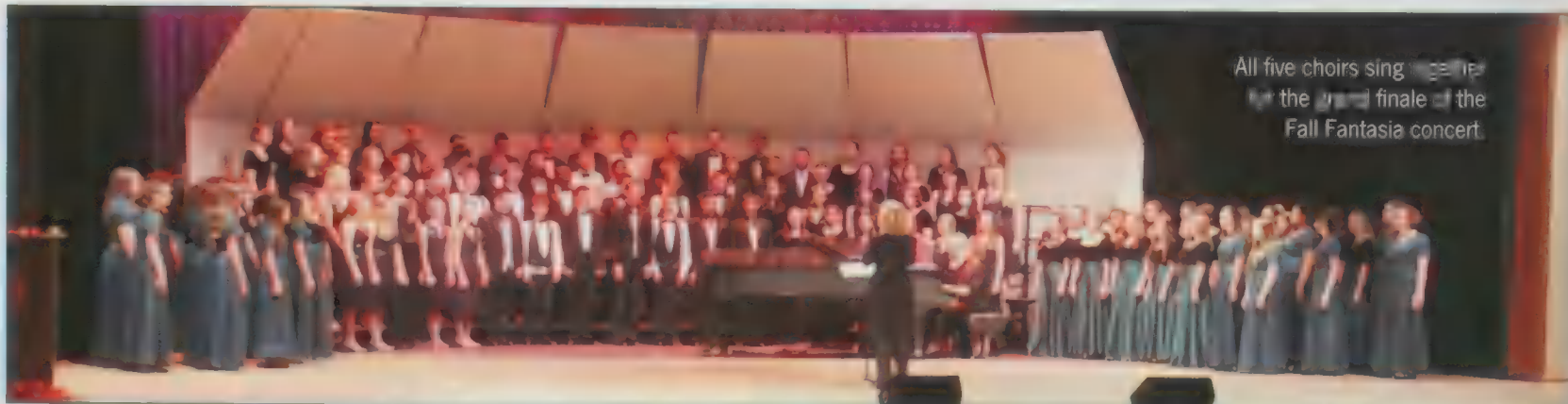
“My favorite is probably the spring show because it's very emotional; it's the seniors' last show. It's at the Memorial Opera House, and it's really special performing there.”

—Michael Radford, 11



## [Little Red]

Senior **Daniel Barajas**, top left, narrates the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The story was acted out by **Madeline Blaney** (Little Red), **Olivia Chappell** (Grandma), **Garet Paul** (Woodcutter), and **Jackson Block** (Wolf). **Olivia Murray**, not pictured, played the mother. The Concert Choir performed this show for elementary students, and it was brought back for Fall Fantasia.



All five choirs sing together for the grand finale of the Fall Fantasia concert.

Row 1: Kathryn Jankowski, Ryan Miles, Kimberly Jankowski  
 Row 2: Dylan Nguyen, Rebecca Kowalski, Storm Stevenson, Cassidy Gearhart, Laura Riggle, Kaitlin Sarver, Eric Evory  
 Row 3: Daniel Barajas, Emily Ahrendt, Emma Mazurek, Isiah Javier, David Staub, Kylie Staples, Olivia Chappell, Paris Sark, Rachael Nienast, Carli Mehofer, Brian Gonzalez  
 Row 4: Taylor Briel, Michael Radford, Jordan Begay, Rebecca Roe, Madeline Blaney, Andrew Flasch, Patrick Azar, Katelyn Hagen, Jackson Block, Ava Massarella





# Easy as Do Re Mi

## *Varsity Singers / Fall Fantasia*

Five choirs. One concert. The Varsity Singers, Mixed Chorus, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus and Concert Choir covered all bases during this year's Fall Fantasia concert.

"We try to incorporate as much diversity as we can," director **Linda Schonbachler** said. Languages included Italian, French, Latin, Swahili and Serbian. There was even a sea shanty for good measure! Varsity Singers included a few hits, such as "Best Song Ever" and "Counting Stars," and classics from "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Pocahontas."

Every song was memorized completely between the start of the school year and the concert on Oct. 21, which was a span of about two months.

Along with performances by the other four choirs, Varsity Singers sang, danced and performed solos. The concert ended in one big finale with everyone together on the stage.

"People don't realize how much we do," Schonbachler commented. The choirs have been to Europe 12 times, have sung for elementary students, and have performed at Carnegie Hall. The choirs also sang in the This is Our Story concert in December.

"Music feeds your soul," Schonbachler said. "Our students are drawn to it, and Valpo is known for its musically talented kids. I'm very proud of that."

Sophomore **Megan Simons** hands out concert programs at the door to the auditorium.



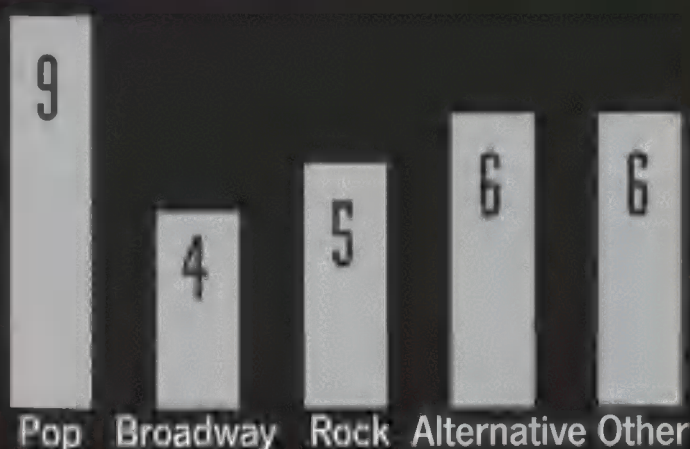
### Stars of the Show

1: Seniors **Carli Meihofer**, **Rebecca Roe**, and **Emily Arhendt** perform "I'll Stand by You."

2: Seniors **Andrew Flasch**, **Patrick Azar**, and **Daniel Barajas**, and sophomore **Eric Evory** awe the crowd with "Walk Like a Man."

### [Top 5]

#### *Favorite Music Genres*



Source: Survey of 30 Varsity Singers



### Hats in Harmony

Sophomore **Rebecca Kowalski** (above left) and junior **Michael Nieto** (above right) rock fedoras at the Fall Fantasia concert. Kowalski performed an A Capella tap dance, and Nieto sang "Belly, Belly Nice."



# Orchestra

## Concert Orchestra

Throughout the year, during third and seventh hours, many musical sounds echoed throughout the fine arts hallway due to the two orchestras.

While the concert orchestra experienced playing tests and ISSMA, the chamber added the band to perform at the ISSMA contest. The chamber placed among the top orchestras in the state, earning gold recognition for its performances in sight reading and a prepared program. Both orchestras were led by conductor **Tim Kopf**.



Violin (in alphabetical order): George Azar, Katerina Bakas, Brady DeLaney, Ema Gilliana, Henry Jiang, Isabel Kaariainen, Hannah Kearney, Zoe Krenz, Alexa Lahey, Carlos Martinez, Emma Mooney, Chris Pease, Mike Piechocki, Autumn Ronco, Blaise Sellers, Grace Tam, Colin Topping, ~~Madison~~ Vail, Kylee Wahl, Thomas Wehren; Viola (in alphabetical order): Sarah Flannery, David Graykowski, Will Houlihan, Branton Kai, Elena Kipp, Max Montgomery, Madison Ochs, Amy Rappa, Allie Rosentrater, Zaide Thell, Lily Whited; Cello (in alphabetical order): Madison Creech, Donna Ferguson, Julia Fink, Brigitte Frazee, Sylvie Martin-Eberhardt, Natalie Michaels; Bass (in alphabetical order): Tucker Anthony, Ben Kroll



1. Freshman **Braden DeLaney** plays along to ■ Bach symphony during class.
2. Sophomore **Alexa Lahey** follows the principal player.
3. Sophomore **Madison Creech** prepares to play.
4. Violinists play along to the music.



## More than just a hobby

*What inspires you?*

Sophomore  
**Katerina Bakas**  
plays the violin in the  
concert orchestra.

*"The best part about  
being in orchestra is  
that you communicate  
through the music,  
not really through  
speaking."*

Freshman **Natalie  
Michaels** plays the  
cello in the concert  
orchestra.

*"Playing a piece for  
the first time and it  
not being good,  
practicing for weeks,  
and then nailing it  
inspires me."*

Freshman **Allie  
Rosentrater** plays the  
viola in the concert  
orchestra.

*"I love to constantly  
improve my playing  
and become a better  
violinist by finding  
new pieces of music  
to play."*



# Chamber Orchestra



Junior **John Buggeln** plays his solo at the spring orchestra concert.



During *This is Our Story*, conductor **Tim Kopf** directs the Chamber Orchestra.



Violin (in alphabetical order): Patrick Azar, John Buggeln, Princess Daniels-Porter, Dominique DePippo, Rebecca Erftenbeck, Meghan Gallagher, Lauren Griffith, Katelyn Hagen, Nicole Isroff, Isahia Javier, Lucia Jiang, Tina Kalafatis, Emily Morris, Micah Nord, Allison Poole, Renee Romanowski, Ben Rosiar, Caroline Shaw, Jasmine Shughoury, Ella Simon, Timi Stiscak, Erin Thomas, Jason Wright, Harry Xie  
 Viola (in alphabetical order): Stephanie Prahlow, Kara Rothenberger, Leanne Sanders, Melissa Sanecki, Jackie Rogers  
 Cello (in alphabetical order): Craig Behnke, Kim Clausen, Lindsey DeBoer, Rhona Gilliam, Sofia Grimsgard, Ellie Joll, Katie Mulroe, Lydia Porter, Liz Rosentrater, Samantha Sanecki  
 Bass: Eddie Guess

Junior **Eddie Guess** plays the double bass for the chamber orchestra.

*"I love playing music and learning new instruments. The music we play and the people in orchestra inspire me."*

Senior **Sofia Grimsgard** plays the cello for the chamber orchestra.

*"It is nearly impossible not to find inspiration in orchestra—we play under the phenomenal guidance of Mr. Kopf."*

Junior **Craig Behnke** plays cello for the chamber orchestra.

*"I am always inspired by how we help others just by playing. To me, the ability to change someone's day for the better is inspiring."*

Senior **Stamatina Kalafatis** plays violin for the chamber orchestra.

*"Mr. Kopf taught me that no one is perfect, and you can never stop improving."*

*Intonation,  
Flexersizes,  
Major, Minor*



1. Senior **Caroline Shaw** plays along to Christmas music during *This is Our Story*.



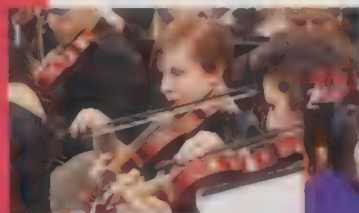
2. Junior **Craig Behnke** practices a cello suite.



1. Director **Tim Kopf** assists junior **Rebecca Erftenbeck** in tuning her violin.



2. Junior **Elizabeth Rosentrater** practices for the final concert.



1. Senior **Emily Morris** focuses on a piece during *This is Our Story*.



2. Senior **Lucia Jiang** practices her solo piece.



# Jazz Band



- 1 Senior **Ian Norris** plays drums and percussion in Jazz Ensemble.
- 2 Jazz Ensemble practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00-8:30.
- 3 Junior **Eric Hess** often has solos in Jazz Ensemble and is first chair in A Band.
- 4 Junior **Luke Brown** adds some rhythm to an after school practice.
- 5 The Jazz Ensemble trumpet section gets ready for an upcoming performance.
- 6 **Joey Lavalley**, freshman, plays piano in Studio-Lab Band.



Director Miguel Rosario has a unique and laid back approach when it comes to practicing. He and the students know that the songs will come together with time and practice.



The Valparaíso High School Jazz Program consists of three groups: Studio Lab, Jazz Ensemble, and a smaller group known as Combo. Each year, the jazz bands travel to several jazz festivals at colleges and universities, where their performances are often critiqued by professional judges. The bands are often well-prepared thanks to practices after school. Nicole Hath, a junior in Jazz Ensemble and Studio Lab Band, said, "Jazz as a whole has made me a more outgoing person. You're put into an environment where making the music is all of the time and enough. Jazz is about self-expression and honesty. I was timid at first, but I was forced out of my comfort zone, and it's made me a much better musician."

Junior **Abby Mitchell** said, "Jazz has given me some of my best high school memories, and being able to improvise during solos has helped me come out of my shell." Mitchell plays trumpet in both jazz bands and also in A Band.



Junior **Chris Zart** plays guitar at the Dance at Alameda.



The jazz bands play music for everyone in dance 12.

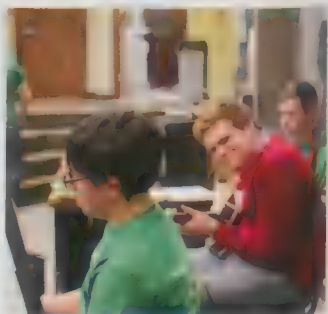


The trumpet section plays jazz at Alameda.



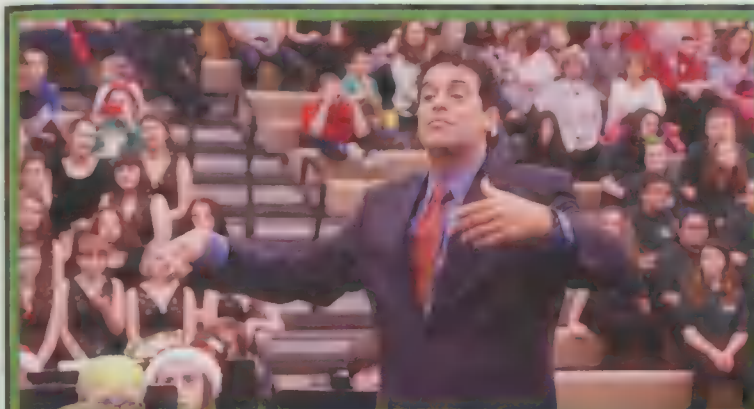
Junior **Sam Klamz** and **Will Wattmann** take a dance break.

Senior guitar player of Combo and Studio-Lab **JP Kunze** expressed his opinions of Valparaíso Jazz, saying, "Jazz was one of my favorite things to do in high school. It gave me an opportunity to expand musically and make some really great friends." JP also plays guitar outside of jazz band. He performed at the 2015 Drama Club production, April Antics.

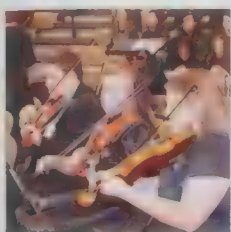




# This is Our School, Our Life, Our Story



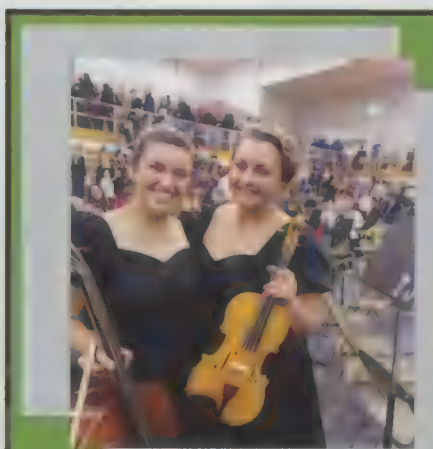
Every year during the holiday season, the music programs at Valparaíso Community Schools put on a show at VHS for everyone to come and enjoy. This year, hundreds of people showed up to listen to the bands, choir, orchestra, and other groups perform for *This is Our Story* in the high school gymnasium. Miguel Romero conducts the bands at the high school and has worked at VHS for 20 years. When asked about TIOS, he commented, "I enjoy the comprehensive performance of all different grades. It's wonderful to see all of the different ability levels displayed in one night."



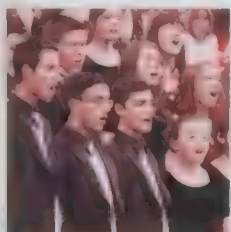
Conducted by **Tim Kopf**, the orchestra played classic Christmas tunes this year.



Each group takes turns playing music for the hundreds of people that show up each year.



Senior **Lindsey DeBauer** (left) plays cello in orchestra. Lindsey has played her instrument since the summer before this grade. When asked about *This is Our Story*, she said, "My favorite part of TIOS was seeing the community come together to celebrate our different talents during the holidays. I loved listening to the fun Christmas music!"



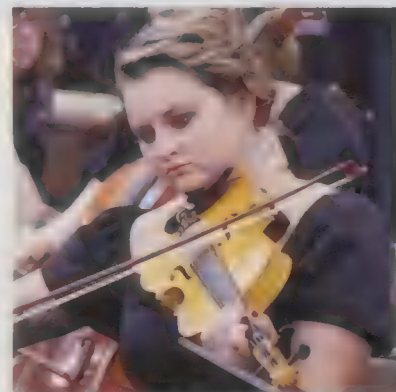
The choir performs classic Christmas carols with a modern twist.



The band took a different approach this year, playing tunes of holidays other than Christmas.



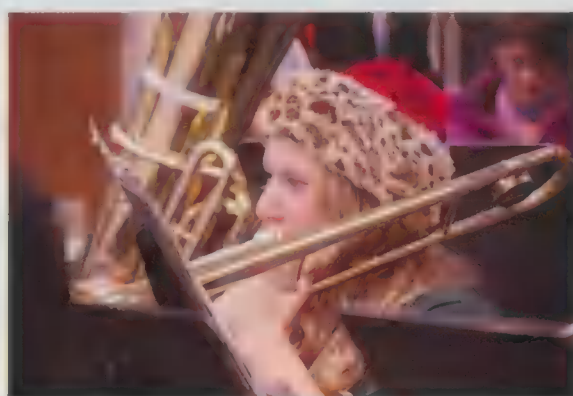
**Tim Kopf** conducts the orchestras in Valparaíso Community Schools and also teaches music theory at VHS.



Senior **Lauren Griffith** plays violin in the orchestra.



The Varsity Singers perform from the balcony in the gymnasium. Their cheery performances never fail to please the crowd.



It's not hard to find festive accessories at TIOS. Freshman **Maggie Hesler** shows off her Christmas spirit during the band's performance with a leopard print Santa hat.



# LEAD

*Let your light shine*

LEAD is a student empowerment program that promotes social climate change among kids via bystander leadership mentoring and discussion for groups. VHS students are picked as mentors to lead younger students in the school corporation.

Team LEAD promotes leadership, empathy, accountability and open discussion, along with a service mentality. As Junior **Konnor Minko** said, "I love LEAD because it brings me joy to see kids happy."

LEAD mentors go to the local middle and elementary schools to help kids overcome bullying and teach them to use social media correctly.

Junior **Julia Michaels** said, "If you ever get bullied or picked on, then you should always speak up and tell an adult, or you could tell a LEAD mentor."

## What was the best thing you did with the kids?

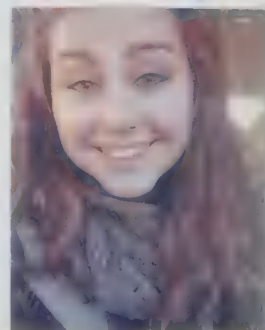


"I think it was when we passed out the warm fuzzies to all the kids."

-**Claire Bartusch, 10**

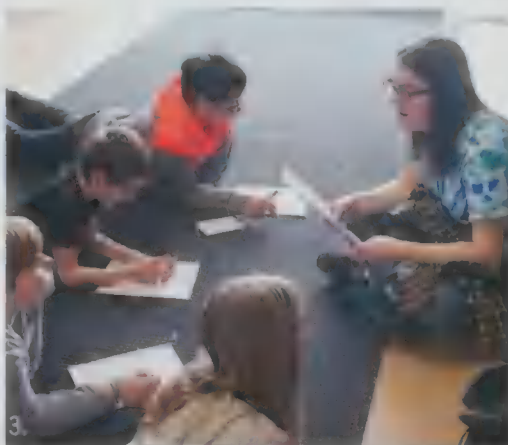
"The best thing I got to do with my kids is teach them that it is completely ok to be themselves. I think that's the most important lesson of all."

-**Olivia Chappell, 11**



1. Sponsor **Ginger Sajdera** and sophomore **Isabel Uzelca** play the human knot with elementary students.

2. Sophomore **Kate White** teaches kids how to get along with others.



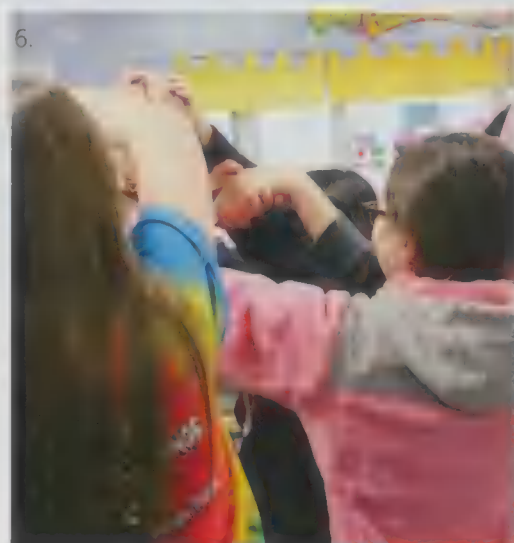
3. Junior **Adrienne Lineback** helps kids with their friendships.

4. Junior **Rebecca Erftenbeck** teaches students how to work well together.



5. The LEAD members talk about what they are going to do at the elementary school.

6. LEAD mentors help teach kids to work together.

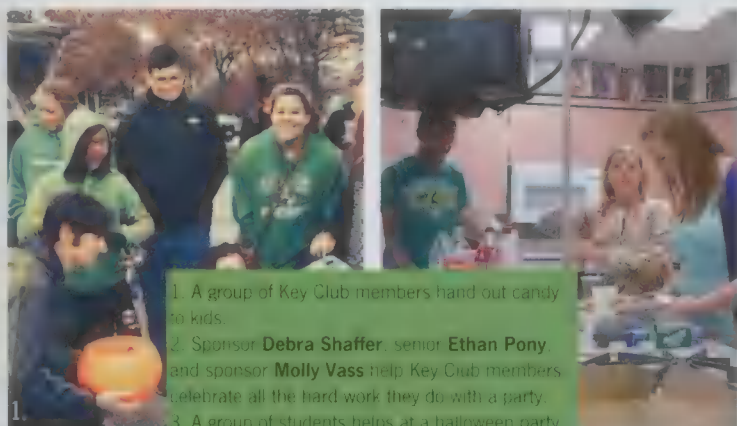




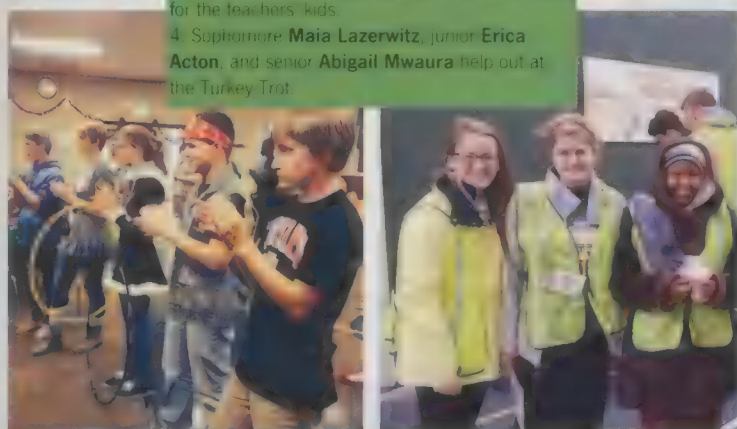
# Key Club

*Be Helpful*

Key Club is an international student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The president of Key Club, senior **Ethan Pony**, said, "Key Club is the best club because of all the service work we do."



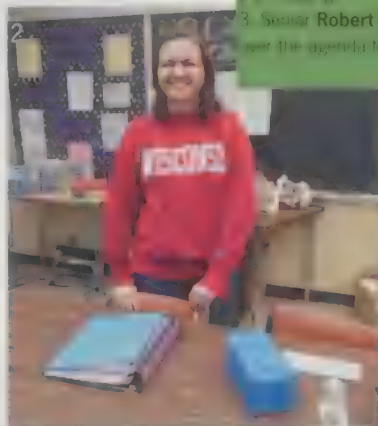
1. A group of Key Club members hand out candy to kids.
2. Sponsor **Debra Shaffer**, senior **Ethan Pony** and sponsor **Molly Vass** help Key Club members celebrate all the hard work they do with a party.
3. A group of students helps at a halloween party for the teachers' kids.
4. Sophomore **Maia Lazerwitz**, junior **Erica Acton**, and senior **Abigail Mwaura** help out at the Turkey Trot.



The Key Club supports sponsor **Debra Shaffer** at a 5k run. They also helped out at the Valentine's Day run.



1. Key Club members talk about their next service project.
2. Sophomore **Amy Rappa** leads the meeting.
3. Senior **Robert Schenck** shares over the agenda for the next month.



Seniors **Carly De Kock** and **Ethan Pony** pose at a meeting after discussing upcoming events.



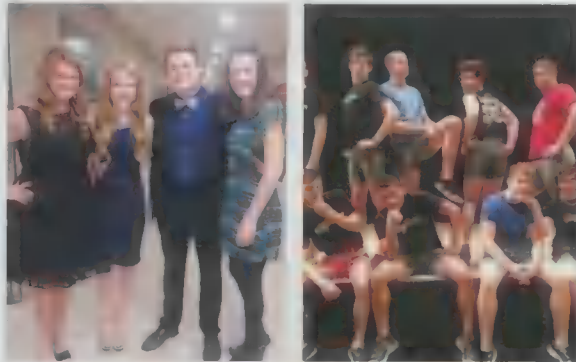
The Key Club decorates a display case for the King of Hearts dance.



# Student Council

## *Leading the Pack*

Left: Sponsor **Lauren Covington**, seniors **Grace Withrow** and **JP Kunze** and sponsor **Kelly Snoeyink** pose for a picture at a student council event.

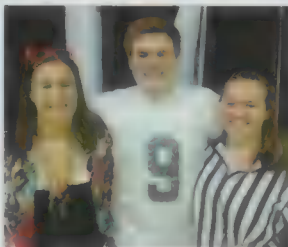


Right: Participants of the Mr. VHS Pageant perform during the Student Council event.

Sponsors **Kelly Snoeyink** and **Lauren Covington** pose for a picture.



Student council members **Olivia Murray**, **JP Kunze** and **Kathryn Bower** show off their spirit wear during an organization-sponsored event.



VHS students join student council members at a fundraiser.



Just like any organization of people, Valparaiso High School has a leadership committee, best known as the school's student council. Each of the four grades at the school have representatives that hold leadership positions.

Senior **Kathryn Bower**, who is one of the representatives of the senior class, spoke of her contributions to the organization.

"Student council can be really stressful, but the amount of fun we have outweighs all of that," Bower said. "It's so fun to help make decisions that affect not only us (seniors), but the school as a whole. It has been an extremely rewarding experience."



# National Honor Society

*Students in the Community*

NHS officers **Luma Khabbaz**, **Mary Cobble**, **Ian Norris** and **Rainer Neis** pose for a picture after being sworn in.



## Members In Action

In order to serve her community and participate in an event for NHS, senior **Allison Poole** paints a building for a restoration project.



Seniors **Ella Simon**, **Samaah Al-Najjar**, **Emma Ferguson**, **Marisa Miller** and **Kurt Kohler** and junior **Kennedy Pony** rake leaves for a service project.



Senior **Elvin Uthuppan** smiles as he volunteers at an NHS opportunity.



Senior **Ella Simon** volunteers as a member of the National Honor Society.

### Ian Norris

Considering the numerous in-school and out-of-school activities that senior **Ian Norris** is a part of, including being the senior class president and a member of the jazz band, it is no surprise that Ian serves as the secretary of the National Honor Society.

"It feels really special to hold a leadership position in such a well-regarded organization. I try my best to live up to the name," Norris said.





# "It's More Than Just a Club"

## Alliance of Students Against Poverty

Photos by Gareth Kaye



Junior **Luke Brown** and senior **Daniel Barajas** practice before the show begins.



Senior **Ian Norris** crowd surfs after shaving his head for reaching the set goal of money raised.

The Alliance of Students Against Poverty is a club full of students who are set on making a difference. Through various fundraisers and charities, they get people involved in supporting a good cause. Their biggest events, Ping Pong vs. Poverty and the annual ASAP concert, never fail to impress. Not only do these events bring people together, but they also raise awareness of an important issue that affects people in our own community: poverty.

"Getting third place was by far the best part of the tournament, but I really enjoyed socializing with new people and talking about our love for the game."

-**Jerad Smolar, 11**



"I would have to say that my favorite part of Ping Pong vs. Poverty was having a group of friendly guys and fellas coming together for an epic battle! Good food, good people, good ping, good pong, and a fantastic cause."

-**Aaron Finley, 11**



## Students Against Destructive Decisions

### What is your favorite part of SADD?



"My favorite part of SADD club is hanging out with my friends but also making a positive impact on VHS and our community."

-**Benjamin Hardwick, 11**



"My favorite part of being in SADD is all the fun ways we raise awareness for Healthy Decisions."

-**Lily Whited, 10**



Row 1: Mariah Jackson, Jadah Henry, Irina Edwards, Kaitlin Southwell, Analyse Pena, Rachel Knoblock  
Row 2: Lily Whited, Damien Hanson, Lily York, Carson Swallow, Jacob LaBelle, Brianna Adam  
Row 3: Jacob Knoblock, Benjamin Hardwick, Daniel Wimberley, Kyle Brown, Brandon Hansen, Melissa Cassady



"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." -Babe Ruth

## Earth Awareness Club



Row 1: Kailey Pappas, Zaid Mahmoud, Marnee Kirkpatrick, Sydney Spillers, Alexis Enright

Row 2: Julia Gibson, Sara Lynch, Emily Lynch, Bryce Bartolomeo, Andrew Kay, Georgia Bentrud, Gunnar Bentrud, Nicholas Abreu, Mohammed Khatib, Rachel Wilburn, Rachel Reilly

"I really enjoy getting to meet new people and helping the planet. Plus, we go on a lot of cool trips!"  
-Sydney Spillers, 11



Historian **Andrew Kay**, President **Evann Grabow** and Treasurer **Marnee Kirkpatrick** give their best interpretation of a tree.



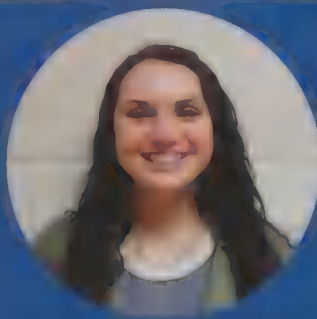
"I love knowing that even the smallest environmental effort can make a big difference in today's world."  
-Samantha Coryell, 12



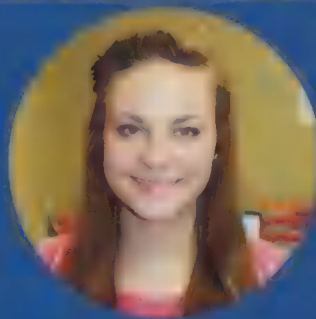
## Socially Together And Naturally Diverse



"I love getting the opportunity to meet people that I wouldn't be able to otherwise and getting to learn about their culture."  
-Julia Rohde, 10



"I really enjoy learning about other people's customs and beliefs as it relates to their ethnicity. I feel like STAND gives people an opportunity to understand and get a feel for other people's culture."  
-Elizabeth Brown, 11



"My favorite part of STAND is being able to learn about what makes us all different and unique. It's a great way to learn and connect with people that you wouldn't normally see everyday."  
-Lindsey Walsh, 11

STAND is a club that works to promote diversity around VHS. Some of the ways they have done that is by having a student exchange with Merrillville High School. Students in the club are shadowed by students from Merrillville to show them around our school. There is another day where VHS students are able to shadow at Merrillville.

Senior **Andrew Walsh** said, "We got to spend the day at the different schools and then do a comparison on the differences and similarities."



# "Talk to me"

## Speech, Debate, & Mock Trial



*Describe your season in one word:*

"Eventful" -Valerie Morris, 10 "Bittersweet" -Mona Sehgal, 12

"Awesome!" -Sydney Basden, 11

"Amazing" -Lia Thayer, 9

"Eye-Opening" -Sydney Basden, 11

A two-day tournament could lead to a life-changing experience—the district tournament. Valparaíso is in the eighth most competitive speech and debate district in the nation. This past summer, four students from Valparaíso qualified to compete in the national tournament in Overland Park, Kansas. The National Speech & Debate Tournament is the largest academic competition for middle school and high school students in the world. To attend, students must place among the top competitors at one of 110 district tournaments. The qualifying students were: **Sofia Grimsgard**, 12; **Dax Ritter**, 12; **Jane Tullis**, 11; and **Sarah Kawamleh**, 11. The students prepared cases, speeches and arguments.

*"Nationals was the most challenging yet rewarding experience I've ever had."*

-Sarah Kawamleh, 11

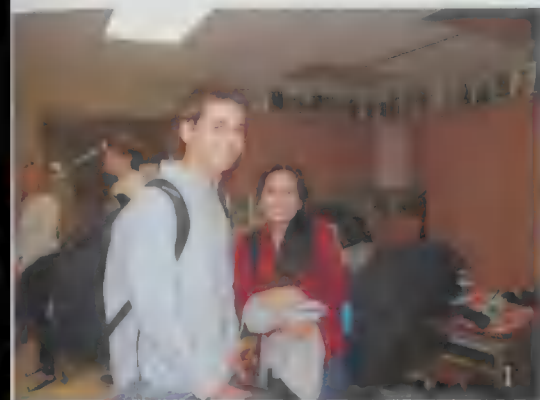
The rigorous academic competition took place June 15-22. Tullis and Grimsgard both broke into the top 60 competitors in the nation.

Although nationals is a goal of most students, speech and debate involves more than fierce competition. In fact, many students joined in order to boost their confidence levels. "I joined speech and debate to become a confident and assertive person," sophomore **Malika Saxena** said. Speech and debate involves fundraisers, practice nearly every day, and a year-round season.

1. Members of the mock trial team "Lightning Thief," **Benjamin Kroll**, 9, **Madison Mann**, 11, **Lydia Porter**, 11, **Ava Massarella**, 11, **Luma Khabbaz**, 12, **Zoe Grim**, 9, and **Sydney Basden**, 11, at the state competition.
2. Members of the Junior Leadership squad pose for a picture during pretzel ripping.
3. Senior **Mona Sehgal** and sophomore **Caleb Gall** pose during a break with a competitor from another school.
4. Members of the speech team, **Jane Tullis**, 11, **Justin Starns**, 12, and **Anthony Stout**, 12, dip pretzels to sell at the VHS fall production.
5. Senior **Anthony Nelson** poses aside a competitor at the district tournament. Nelson qualified to the 2015 National Tournament in Lincoln Douglas Debate, which will be hosted in Dallas, Texas, in June.







1. Sophomores **Caleb Gall** and **Malika Saxena** prepare to participate in a fundraiser activity.
2. Students at the national tournament await the posting list of out-round qualifiers.
3. Coach Chriselle Waters poses with assistant coach **Rick Stark** during a fundraiser.
4. Sophomore **Amber Tan** gets help from a teammate during a meet.



1. Senior **Sofia Grimsgard** and junior **Jane Tullis** smile after finding out that they placed within the top 60 at the national tournament.
2. Juniors **Lydia Porter** and **Madison Mann** are presented with an award at a local debate meet.
3. A group of novices, freshmen **Benjamin Kroll**, **Thomas Wehren**, and **Rylee Briel** and sophomores **Grace Hathaway** and **Brendan Gerig**, pose for a photo while participating in the annual pretzel dipping fundraiser.
4. Junior **Sarah Kawamleh** is presented with an award at a local debate meet.

## More than just a club...

"What is the hardest part of speech and debate?"



"Either getting into stage fight or all of the research we had to do."  
**Lydia Porter, 11**



"The early morning live broadcast."  
**Christian Sayers, 11**



"Waking up at 4 a.m. every weekday and not having your Saturday's."  
**Archita Vohra, 12**



"Having to balance out researching for debate and school work."  
**Alejo Gonzalez, 10**



"During the live rounds, being able to create your story to your event."  
**Dax Ritter, 12**

Photo by Sofia Grimsgard

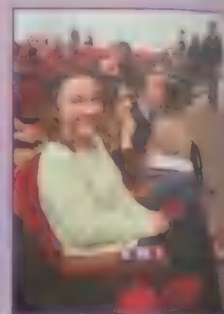


# Brain Power

## Academic Teams



Olivia Shon, CC

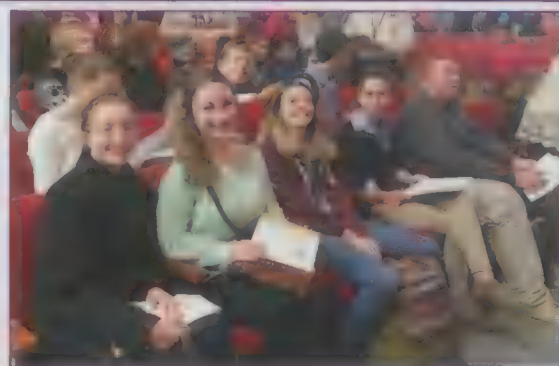


Travis Miller, V



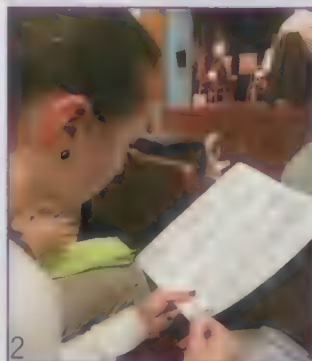
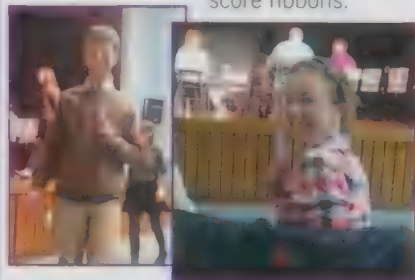
Spell Bowl

The VHS Spell Bowl Team celebrates their win at the regional meet. Row 1: Sophie Hanson, Jenna Miller, Marnee Kirkpatrick, Katie Kirk, Sydney Majka  
Row 2: Matt O'Brien, Jackson Polarek, Emily Schott, Michael Bukata, Coach Chantel Melchi

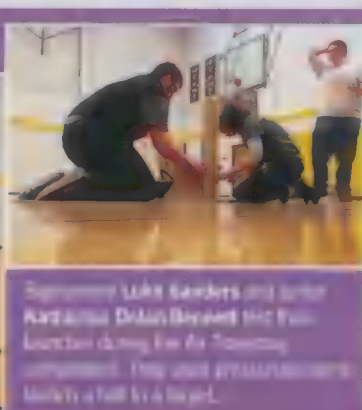


Juniors **Katie Kirk**, **Jenna Miller**, **Marnee Kirkpatrick**, **Sophie Hansen**, **Matt O'Brien**, and **Michael Bukata** do some last-minute studying before the regional meet.

Juniors **Michael Bukata** and **Katie Kirk** smile with their perfect and near-perfect score ribbons.



1: Freshman **Jackson Polarek** watches as round two spellers are dismissed and round three begins.  
2: Junior **Sydney Majka** follows along on the list as the emcee reads the correct spelling of a word in round four.  
3: Coach **Chantel Melchi** reads off the spelling order for the regional meet.



Senior Luke Sanders and Junior Kaden Dumas Beyond the Fun: Students during the Fun-Themed competition. They used SYMMETRY's Mallets to ball for a target.

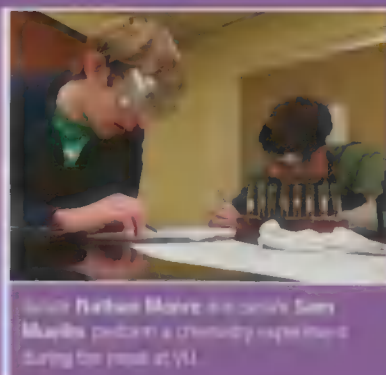


1: Senior Brian Watt and Junior Nick Dwyer compete in the Fun. 2: Senior Micah Ward, sophomore Madison Whelan and senior Madison Shapley first off some groups EMERGENCY! (all good!)



Science Olympiad

Row 1: Chase Bryant, Tyler Martin-Eberhart, Hattie Moss, Amber Tien, Matthew Mitchell, Madeline Shapley, Harry Xu  
Row 2: Cassin-Jen Young, Nicholas Blum, Micah Ward, Samuel Maxwell, Owen Wall, Nathan Moore, Luke Sanders



Junior Nathan Moore and senior Sam Maxwell perform a chemistry experiment during the meet at VU.



Senior Madison Mitchell and Junior Micah Ward compete during the Dynamic Flare event.

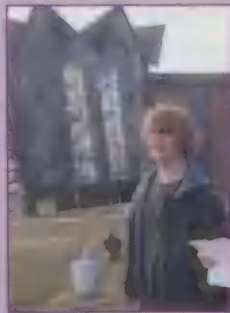


Harry Kim, 11



Luke Simons, 11

Tommy Mays, 11



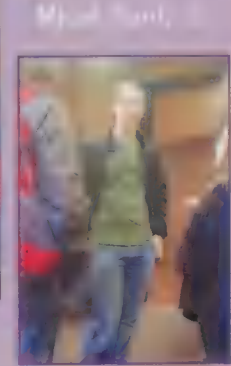
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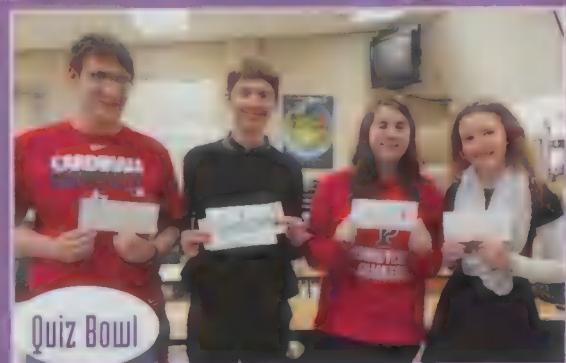
Sam Mays, 11



Michael Simon, 11



Chantel Melchi and the Purple team read all questions about the state, history, geography and the state's one can industry as the Quiz Bowl team from the and Purple compete to see who can answer the most.



Quiz Bowl  
Purple Quiz Bowl: Samuel Mays, Michael Simon, Claire Simon, Katie Kirk

Freshmen **Heather** and **Hannah O'Brien** discuss the night's homework. Students had to do homework during downtime in the competition because they wouldn't get home until 9 p.m.



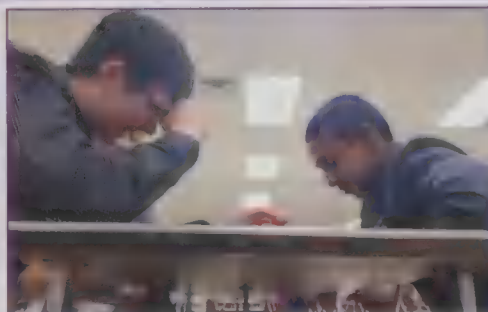
Freshmen **Caitlyn Fields** and **Amelia Thayer** eat strawberries and play a game on an iPad while waiting for the competition to start.



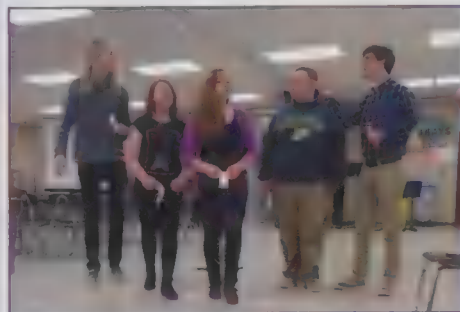
Juniors **Dominic Davis** and **Matt O'Brien** set up in the cafeteria for a long evening at the home invitational on March 19.



Senior **Dax Ritter** takes a power nap during the science round.



Freshmen **Jackson Polarek** and **Shenal Karunaratne** study for their round at the home invitational on March 19.



The fine arts team (**Dax Ritter**, **Hannah O'Brien**, **Heather O'Brien**, **Matt O'Brien**, and **Dominic Davis**) collects their third place ribbons at the home invitational on March 19.

Row 1: Hannah O'Brien, Shenal Karunaratne, Dominic Davis  
Row 2: Jackson Polarek, Dax Ritter, Heather O'Brien, Caitlyn Fields, Amelia Thayer, Brianna Pniak, Claire Simon, Michael Bukata, Matt O'Brien

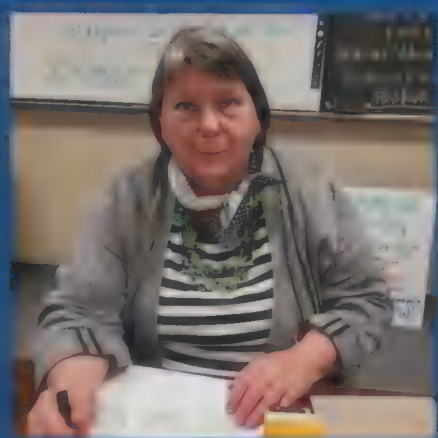


Academic Superbowl



Each language in the foreign language department of VHS sponsors a club. These clubs include Spanish, led by Chriselle Waters; Latin, led by Ben Kerezmart; Japanese, led by Cathy Sparks; German, led by Michaela Nordstrom; and French, led by Dominique Gillot-Deskovich. Each club is open not only to its respective students in that language but also to any students interested.

The most popular event is Soccer Fest, a soccer tournament that pits each language club against each other. Other events include a Spanish Pilsen trip, German Christkindlmarkt trip in Chicago, and many others. While not associated with foreign language clubs directly, the foreign language department sponsors trips over the summer, to places such as Greece, Spain, Germany and more.

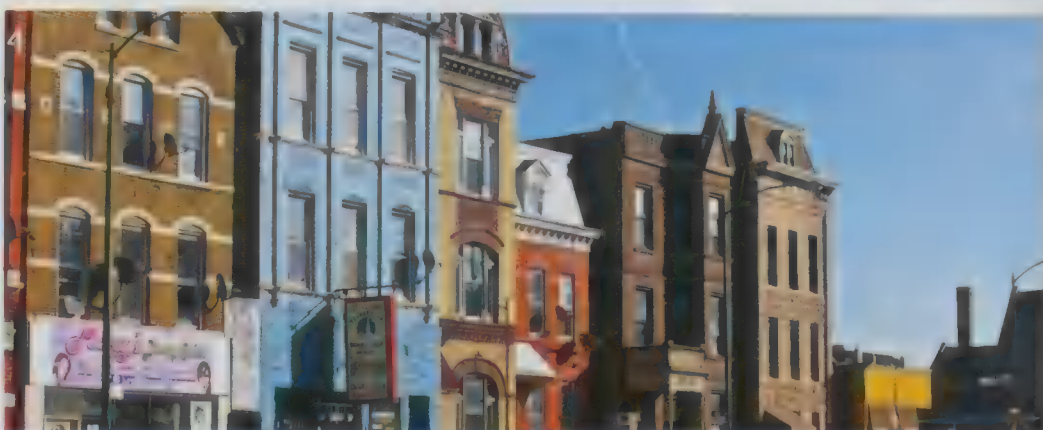


"The point of Spanish Club is to expand upon material from class by immersing students in culture present in the area around them."

- Chriselle Waters,  
Spanish V Teacher

# AROUND THE WORLD

## Foreign Language Clubs



1. View of Pilsen seen from a distance, the Spanish Club's annual trip to the Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago.
2. One of the many murals that dots the neighborhood, as art is a big aspect of the Spanish culture.
3. The Spanish Club display, donning the slogan for 2015, "Juan in a Million."
4. View of Pilsen's streets, decorated with many different colors and art over the buildings.



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5. The German Club team poses for a picture at Soccer Fest
6. The Christmas tree that sits in the center of the Christkindlmarkt in Chicago during winter
7. One of the many vendors selling a variety of crafts to visitors
8. French Club's poster outside of a classroom, highlighting many things associated with the country, such as the Tour de France
9. The French flag, hung high in the foreign language hallway
10. German Club players discuss strategy before their match against the Latin Team
11. A French Club player attempts to steal the ball from a German Club opponent
12. Members of German Club pose with their poster, promising other students to volunteer in the fall
13. Germany's flag, hanging outside the room of teacher Michaela Houldieson



# Life Skills Program

## Students Helping Students

The Life Skills Program, sponsored by teacher Tina Morales, celebrated its 21st year here at VHS. This program gives students the opportunity to work with and "peer tutor" fellow students at VHS that have disabilities. Each year these students have the opportunity to make a huge impact on their peers' lives and teach them to enjoy the simple things in life.

Several special events occur throughout each year that are sponsored by the Life Skills Program, including Simlink Festival, the annual mall trip and the Family Night to conclude the year. The students also work in "Simply Gifted Coffee House," located near the library. The students make an impact not only on those who work with them each day but also on the entire school.



Senior Holly Thompson, sophomore Julia Dinn and teacher Tina Morales dance to the Life Skills Program's annual "Family Night."

Sophomores Shana Meier and Brandon Hagmann dressed in "Thing 2" costumes at VHS's Trick or Treat.



Peer tutors and Life Skills students pose for a picture after celebrating Earth Day at school.



Seniors Nick Thompson and sophomore Holly Meier dress with clock outside the area of campus they currently live in.



Members of the HOPE Club pose outside the school's cafeteria for a photo during Family Night.



Seniors Jayley Braughton and sophomore Effie Krawiec work in the Simply Gifted Coffee House.



Life Skills students Rachel Evans and Joe Kufavick take pictures, including senior Dámaris Murgu, throughout the year.



Sophomores Patry Reyna and Indy Meier work in Italy's at school for a photo during the year.



Rainbow staff members prepare before the fall retreat.



# Natural Helpers

## *Learning How to Lead*

Twice a year, juniors and seniors have the opportunity to go on either the spring or fall Natural Helpers retreat at Camp Tecumseh. The process begins at the very beginning of the year when students turn in a slip saying whom they go to when they have a problem.

Each retreat is led by 10 randomly selected students from the senior class. During the three day retreat, not only do students learn how to be a natural helper, but they also learn why they are a natural helper. This retreat is notorious for shaping students in a new way as well as forming new friendships. The 10 selected leaders for each retreat, also known as the rainbow staff, included **Dylan Workman, Mary Cobble, Erin Turner, Ian Jones,**

**Chris Hartz, Kaytie Zaharias, Stephanie Prahlow, Taylor Kovats and Kayla Gates** on the fall retreat.

Members of the spring retreat included **Brooke Fullenkamp, Emily Miller, Michael Bezotte, Ben Leetz, Shannon Brown, Grace Withrow, Dominique DePippo, Bobby Gallowitch, Meara Keen and Erin Delahunty.** When asked why she chose to be part of rainbow staff, Keen responded, "I chose to apply for Rainbow Staff because my Natural Helpers retreat had changed my life, and I wanted to help create the same life-changing experience for my fellow peers." Many memories are made at each retreat, helping to reveal each person's true colors.

### Meet The Rainbow Staff

*What was the most rewarding part about being on rainbow staff?*



"Realizing how much of an impact I have made on people. Knowing that I changed someone's life, even one small aspect of it, has been the most rewarding experience of my high school career."

- Shannon Brown, 12



"Getting to spend time with people I wouldn't have otherwise met. Also, seeing the hard work of our staff pay off at Camp T."

- Ian Jones, 12



"The most rewarding part about being on Rainbow Staff was being able to meet and become close friends with people that I would have never been able to meet before."

- Emily Miller, 12

Rainbow staff members **Shannon Brown** and **Brooke Fullenkamp** chipmunk pose with Pete Sattler on the Spring retreat.



The fall rainbow staff poses for a traditional circle photo.



Seniors **Zac Iseminger, Tyler Ellrich, Maeve Crowley, Meghan Lomas and Drew Paul** enjoy their last day at Camp Tecumseh.



A group of students pose for a silly photo during the fall retreat at Camp Tecumseh.



# Book Club

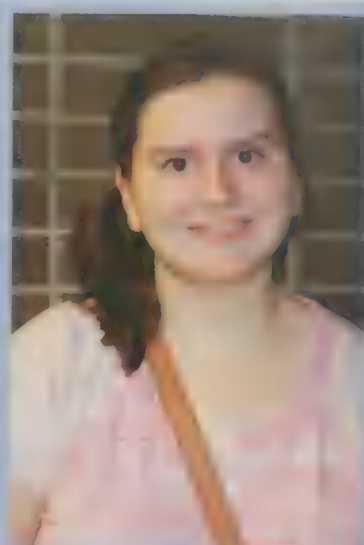
What's your favorite part about book club?



"I like how we talk about books. 'Cinder' was my favorite."  
-Anna Song, 10



"My favorite thing about book club is the way it opens opportunities to meet new people and discuss different ideas." -Irina Edwards, 10



"Just hanging out with fellow people who like books and being able to talk about them." -Katie Southwell, 10

# Gaming Club

Gaming Club's goal is to give students the opportunity to come in and have a good time. As students play games from strategy to role play games, game club teaches them problem-solving skills while they are doing what they enjoy.



Row 1: Sarah Labarbera, Jaime Bollinger, Marlowe Mitchell, Kirsten Truitt  
Row 2: Joe Dear, Spencer Hathaway, Nicoli Nink, David McLean, John Terwilliger

# History Club

History club, sponsored by teacher **John Gutierrez**, works to make students more aware of the history surrounding them everyday. Members of history club meet to watch historical films and to discuss American society through the study of film and pop culture.



Trey Rodriguez, Aaron Finley, Caleb Gall, Julia Rohde, Michaela Leverich, Rebecca Erftenbeck



# Gay Straight Alliance



Junior **Miya Litke Adams** and sophomore **Anferne Tyler** work the Day of Silence table.



Row 1: Shelby Hoyert, Miya Litke Adams, Sarah Martin, Emma Grosenbacher, Irina Edwards, Madeleine Wellman, Emily Johns  
Row 2: Gabriel Rodea, Elizabeth Larrabee, Yvon Bergner, Alex Peterschmidt, Anferne Tyler, Dade Smith

# DECA

DECA gives students the opportunity to act as business professionals in competition. There are many categories for students, such as marketing and apparel merchandising. The students compete in role plays and take tests in order to earn a business certification.



Row 1: Jaden Zook, Kaitlyn Jones, Lina Alvarez, Sami Hirsch, Jeremy King  
Row 2: Jaden Jones, Hays, Matt, Mike Torgal, Mike Schmidt, Kristen Blum  
Row 3: Andrew Fidler, Robert Kidd, Ethan Wipe, Ray Smith, Cameron Dicks

# Writer's Block

The goal of Writer's Block is for students to have the opportunity to get honest feedback on their writing. Members submit their work, fiction or nonfiction, and then get together as a group and critique one another.



Row 1: Kathryn Zaborowski, Jaime Bolinger, Sarah LaBarbera, Caroline Shaw, Kate Kirk  
Row 2: Spencer Hathaway



# New Clubs

## *Fellowship of Christian Athletes*



FCA's mission is to keep student athletes in line with their faith in God, with meetings every Tuesday morning before school.

Row 1: Grace Tam, Julia Fink, Matthew Cavanaugh, Megan Dalton, Esther Allen

Row 2: Allison Page, Samantha Cavanaugh, Aleksa Reed, Grace Withrow, Kathryn Bower, Alexis Ferngren

Row 3: Kennedy Minko, Daniel Dalton, Justin Duty, Jacob Wild, JP Kunze, Julia Manion, Konnor Minko, Erica Acton

President **Grace Withrow**, senior, and members **JP Kunze** and **Julia Manion** discuss different service ideas.



Students come together to make tissue paper flowers to distribute.



## *Acts of Kindness Club*



The co-leaders of Acts of Kindness, **Tyler Brown** and **Emily Jones**, explain the activities for the day.

The Acts of Kindness Club's mission is to make every member of the school community feel appreciated for their contributions and recognized for their achievements. Members have the opportunity to strengthen friendships and create new relationships as they work together to create a happier environment for students and faculty members alike.

Row 1: Teresa Wheeland, Emily Thate, Taylor Rossetti

Row 2: Stacey Pagel, Emily Jones, Tyler Brown, Jenny Tieu, Caroline Meyer, Nesita Reynolds, Alissa Vanzuidam, Autumn Brandt, Julian Reynolds

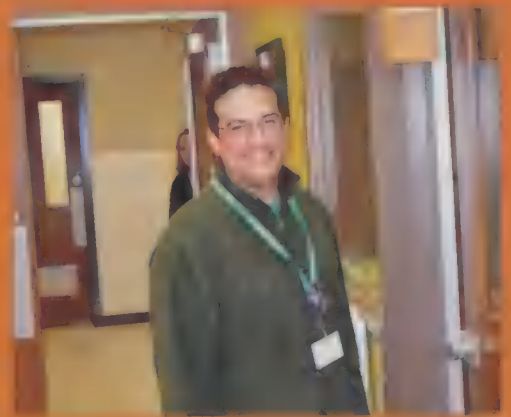


## UNICEF



UNICEF is working toward the day when zero children die from preventable causes and every child has a safe and healthy environment. Above are the board members of UNICEF: Robert Kreloff, Olivia Rosario, Malika Saxena, Marybeth Scheibel, and Julia Rohde.

## Awakening Youth in Christ



Awakening Youth in Christ's mission is to bring students to or awaken students in the presence of God.

Row 1: Olivia Rosario, Jenna Dambek, Sean Murley, Josh Runyan

Row 2: Marybeth Scheibel, Timothy Bell, Elizabeth Bell, William Marischen, Nickolaus Will

Awakening Youth in Christ's Sponsor,  
**Miguel Rosario.**



The members of Gender Equality meet weekly to discuss current issues.



Presidents **Mona Sehgal** and **Justin Starns**, seniors, talk to members of the club about gender equality.

## Gender Equality



Gender Equality's mission is to foster positive dialogue about issues related to gender in modern day society.

Row 1: Brooke McKeon, Justin Starns, Rachel Wilburn, Sarah Martin, Josh Runyan

Row 2: Sydney Majka, Yvon Bergner, Mona Sehgal, Allison Bottorff, Amber Tan

Designed by Jacob Wild



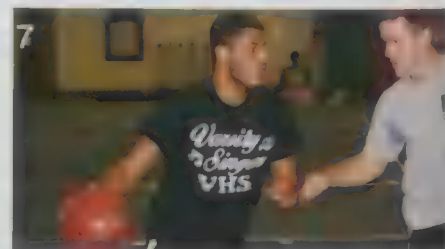
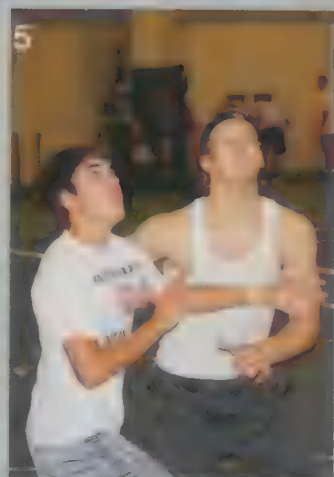
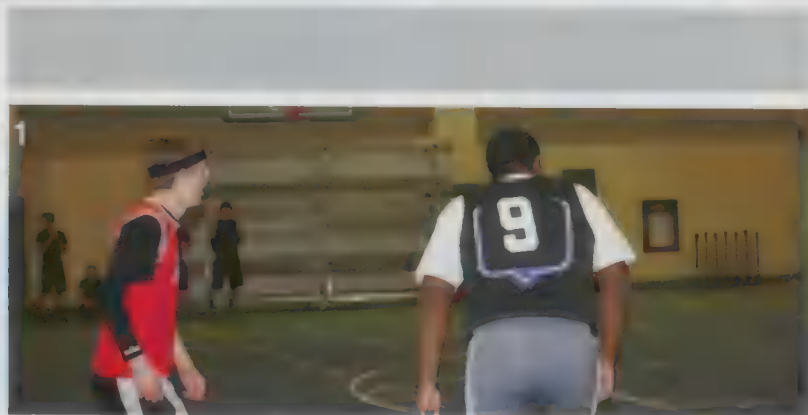


# Intramurals

*Playing for Love of Game*

Both basketball and volleyball are offered as intramural sports at VHS. In intramural sports, students are able to play at a less competitive level than their varsity counterparts. It allows for students of any skill level to be able to enjoy the game. The intramural basketball season begins in late November and wraps up with a bracket-style tournament that ends in February. Volleyball, a relatively new addition to the intramural program, is quickly growing and contains many of the intramural basketball players as well as new players as well.

Coordinator **Nick Slater** said, "I enjoyed watching players get better as well as teams working together more and more as both seasons progressed. I am proud of the examples of sportsmanship I see as well."



1. Senior **Andy Haverstock** and junior **Damonte Price** guard each other.
2. Junior **Jimmy Lassale** dribbles past senior **Daniel Barajas**.
3. Juniors **Austin Ford** and **Bryce Crook** go down court on a fast break.
4. Senior **Dylan Workman** shoots a jump shot.
5. Senior **Alex Yiankes** attempts to box out junior **Jack Healy**.
6. The 'Goon Squad' awaits the start of the game.
7. Senior **Isiah Javier** squares up to senior **Riley Owens**.





## Featured: Senior **Jacob Moore**



**Position:** Point Guard / Small Forward

**Team:** Fireballers

**Years Played:** 3

### **Why did you decide to play?**

I love basketball and am very competitive so I knew that intramural basketball was a great choice.

### **Most Memorable Moment?**

Dropping 27 in a scrimmage against [sophomore **Connor Wolf's**] team and hitting an underhand half court shot.

**Fun Facts?** My teammates called me the "player coach." I regret never winning a playoff game, and I prided myself on being able to recruit players that ended up playing horribly together.

8. Senior **Andrew Lehn** attempts to dribble past a defender.

9. Junior **Logan Meeter** carefully lines up a free throw

10. Senior **Colin Ahearn** leaps high for a spike while senior **Nathan Courtney** attempts to block it.

11. Senior **Joseph Wichlinski** prepares to start the action by dribbling the ball.

12. Senior **Jacqueline Keenan** serves the ball to the opponent.





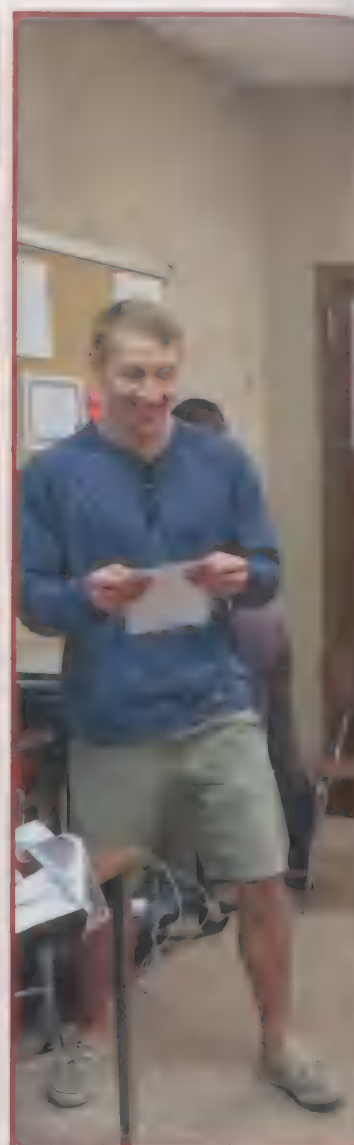
## Newspaper

Row 1: Gina Twardosz, Emily Singer, Eric Budzielek, Jonathan Zygmunt, Susan Hoffman  
Row 2: Erin Delahunty, Jonathan Poholarz, Grace Hathaway, Dylan Workman, Justus Thomas



## Valenian

Row 1: Alexis Enright, Claire Brennecke, Emily Schott, Cassie Trost, Allison Page, Susan Hoffman, Julia Michaels  
Row 2: Bobby Gallowitch, Jack Feltgen, Sofia Grimsgard, Jake Wild, Dylan Workman



# Deadlines and Headlines

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Seniors **Jonathan Poholarz** and **Erin Delahunty** read the April newspaper.

Sophomore **Grace Hathaway** and senior **Erik Budzielek** gather in Susan Hoffman's room for an after-school staff meeting.

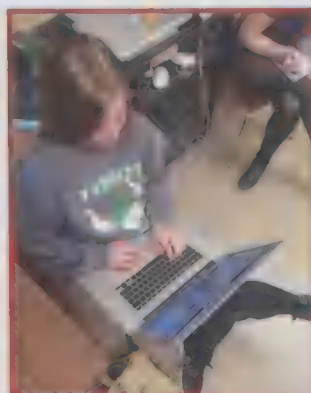


Junior **Justus Thomas** admires his work in the last issue of the newspaper.

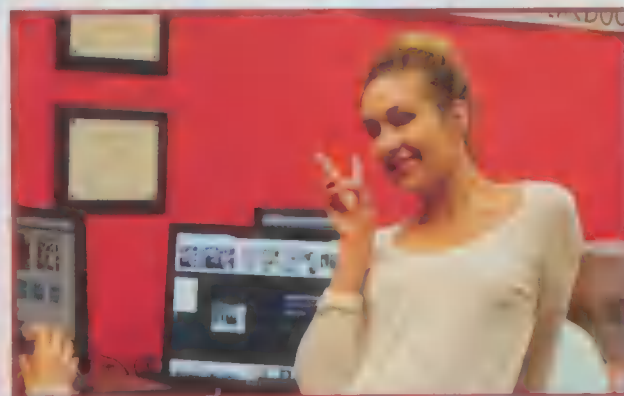


Senior **Jonathan Poholarz** reads over a hard copy of an article, looking for typos.





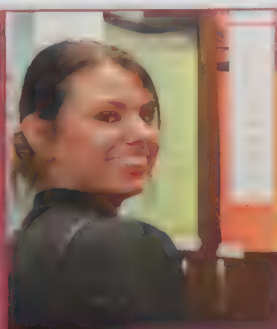
Junior **Alexis Enright** works on a spread for the last deadline of the year. For deadline five, most students had between 4 and 12 pages to complete.



Senior and co-editor **Sofia Grimsgard** walks around to check the progress of everyone's deadline four spreads.

Seniors **Jake Wild**, **Sofia Grimsgard**, **Dylan Workman**, and **Jack Feltgen** decorate the yearbook room to surprise junior **Allison Page**. Wild asked Page to prom—she said yes.

**Which  
articles/pages  
did you work  
on? Do you  
prefer  
yearbook or  
newspaper to  
an English  
essay?**



"I feel like journalism is more hands-on, but it's more work because you have to go get the information. I recommend yearbook to anyone interested in writing."

**Cassie Trost, 12**



"I worked on an article about student athletes and time management. Being part of newspaper is very fun. There is more creativity involved; it's a different writing style."

**Erin Delahunty, 12**



I did two articles this year. One of them was an opinion article about how people envision VHS in 10 years. I would recommend newspaper. It's interesting, and it's better than English essays."

**Jonathan Zygmunt, 11**



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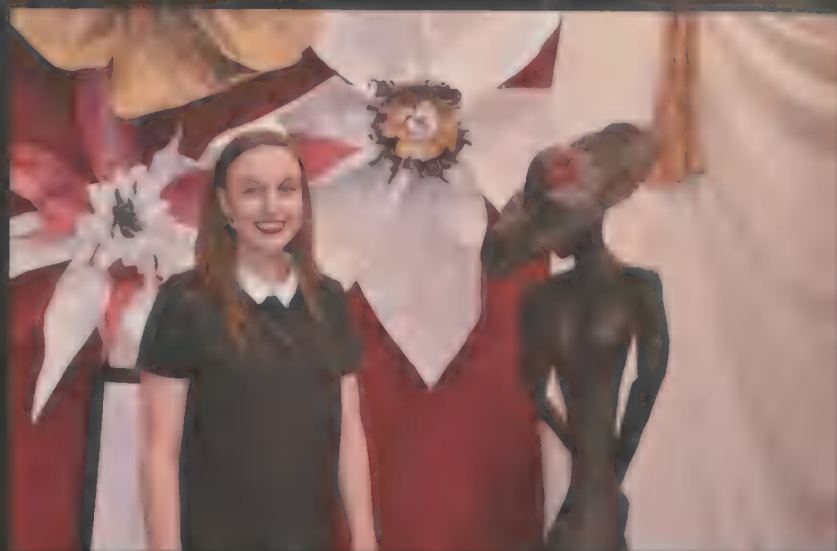
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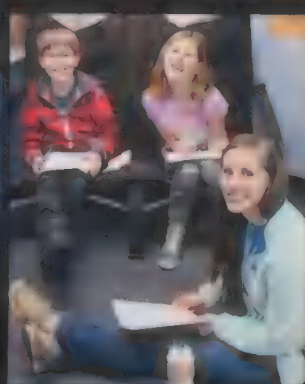
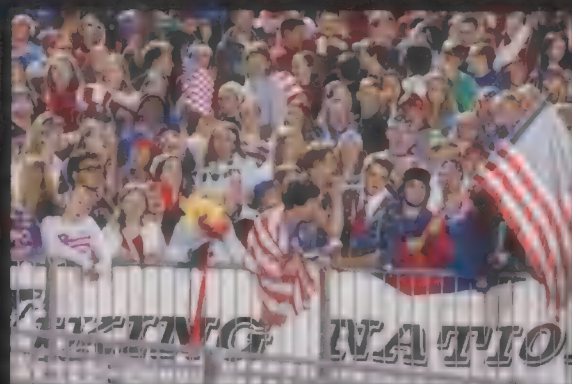
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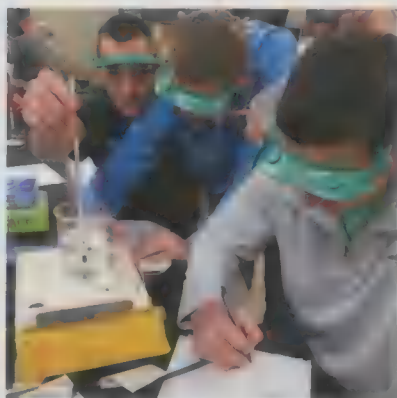


Even as our loving memories from this year come to a close, there is always more to come. In this part of the yearbook, we watch this year come to an end. A few reminders of the classes we took are in the academic spreads. Along with that comes the time to say farewell to this year's senior class in the graduation and senior spreads, but there is no need to worry. As we move on to another year, the good memories are not gone, and there is always more to come. More students, more teachers, more laughter, more classes, more challenges, more victories, and more unforgettable moments await us all next year and in the years to come....

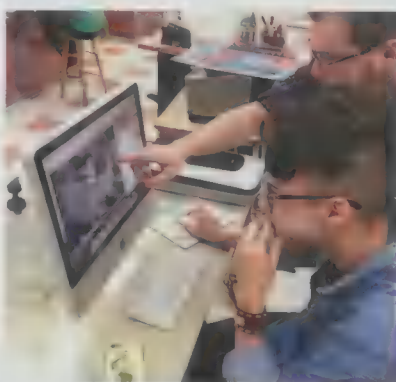


# Academics

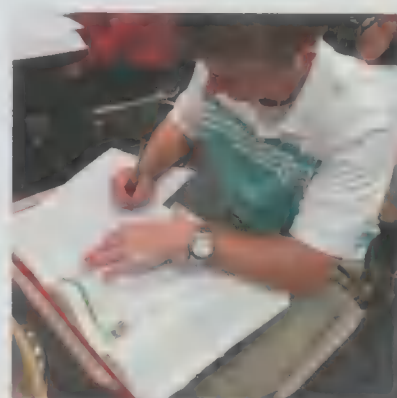
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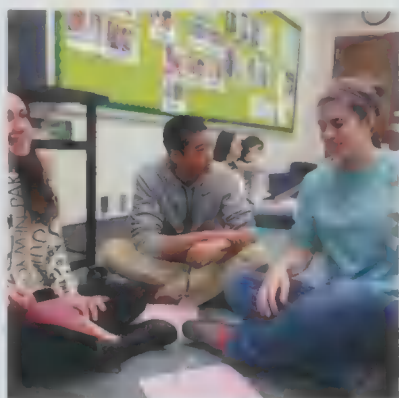
Juniors **Chris Orlich**, **Austin Ford** and **Jared McMaster** conduct an experiment in an earth space class.



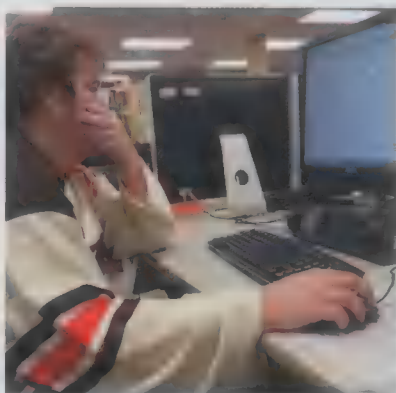
Art teacher **Matt Banas** helps senior **Tony Sanchez** edit a photo on a computer during an honors art class.



Senior **Chase Galipeau** works on a pre-calculus assignment.



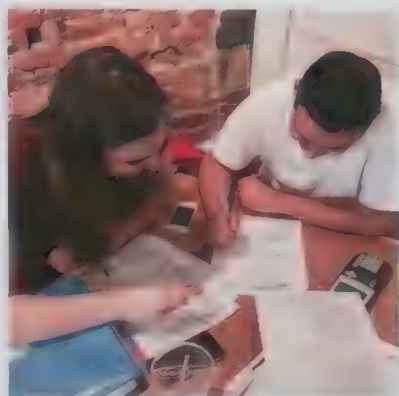
Juniors **Katie Janoski**, **Isaiah Parrish** and **Erica Acton** work on an assignment in the IB World Literature class.



Senior **Robert Brent** works on an assignment in the library at Valparaiso High School.



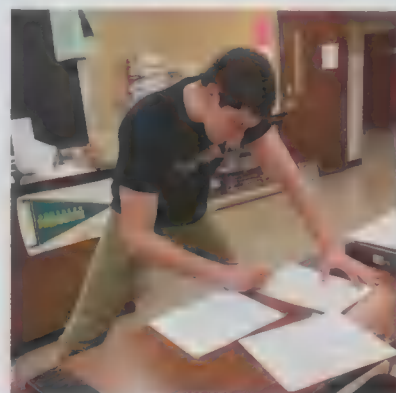
Senior **Xavier Roberts** uses chalk on a VHS sidewalk as part of the life-skills program.



Sophomores **Zoey Crim** and **Mohammed Khatib** study for finals at a local coffee shop.

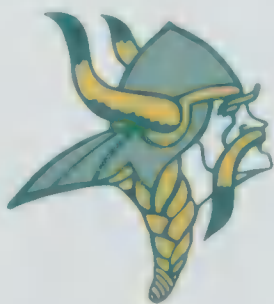


Seniors in an honors English class pose for a picture as they celebrate "Dress Like an Indian Day."

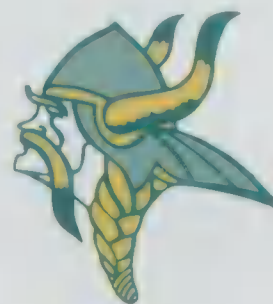


Junior **Sam Nowosad** participates in peer editing in his English class.





## *Power in Numbers*



With a school full of kids with different interests, values, opinions and thought-processes, it is nearly impossible to attain unanimous satisfaction. There are the math kids, there are the science kids, there are the English kids, and there are the kids that have no interest in anything having to do with school. While the entire student body is different physically, mentally and emotionally, we all have one thing in common: we wake up and come to Valparaíso High School every day.

From algebra to photography, VHS offers academic classes to help students learn, grow and experience new things. In order to graduate, students must be well-rounded in all aspects of learning, having to have just as many credits in English as they do in math. Without academics, a school wouldn't be a school. Valparaíso High School offers a plethora of programs that can accommodate interests of all kinds—trades, engineering, computer science and journalism. There are also many academic extra-curricular activities, such as Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon and Spell Bowl.

"I think we're really lucky to go to school where we do," senior **Mona Sehgal** said. "There is such a variety of academic opportunity, as well as teachers who truly do care about the education of their students."

One thing is for certain: VHS will continue to use its academic qualities in order to prepare students for the rest of their lives in the most effective way possible.



Freshman **Matthew Graber**



Junior **Brooke Smith**



Junior **Michael Bukata**



Seniors **Brian Wall** and **Micah Nord**



# What Do Academics Mean to You?

"They are absolutely amazing!" -Jake Reid, 12

"They made this year the greatest year ever." -Troy Davis, 11

"I find them very interesting." -Kaylie Noff, 11

"Academics are what school is all about, but they are easily the worst part." -Grace Cobble, 9

"A lot less than they should."  
-Daniel Ranegar, 12

"They give me an opportunity to work my brain and work towards a successful future." -Lucy Mellen, 9

"I would rather listen to Quasimoto." -Nate Schimpf, 11

"Everything: I love learning!" -Tyler George, 12

"They give me the opportunity to better prepare for my future." -Allison Erftenbeck, 9

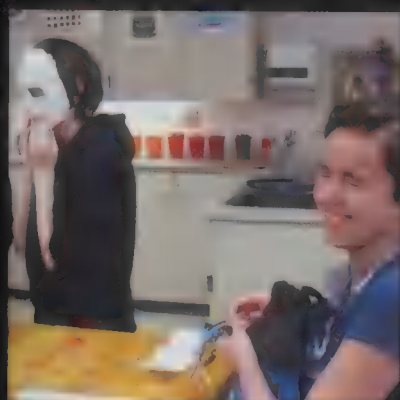


"They make me wake up at 6:30 in the morning so I can watch kids kiss in the hall." -Simon Hulser, 12

"They make me smart."  
-Caleb Wilson, 11

"Art specifically gives me an opportunity to express myself and try to represent a certain idea or attitude in a physical way."  
-Kevin Scannell, 12

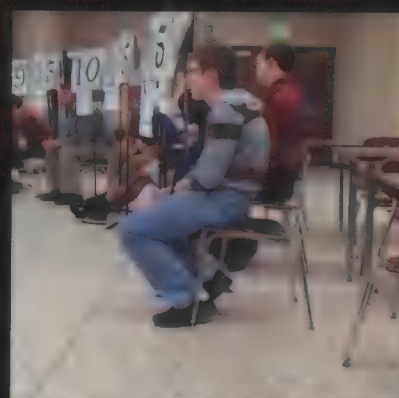
"I love to work my brain academically as much as possible, and I also like to support my mental and social health by conversing with friends." -Martin Behrke, 10



Sophomore **Spencer Cox** and freshman **Carolynne Kaminski** share a laugh while constructing masks as an assignment in an art class.

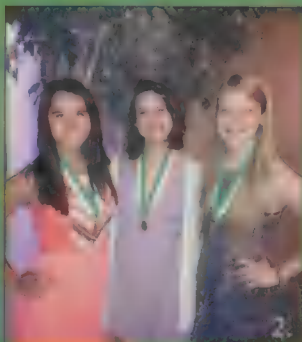


Senior **Patrick Azar** rehearses for a drama production that would be put on for students and spectators alike.



VHS team members participate in the Academic Decathlon competition in the Valparaiso High School Cafeteria.



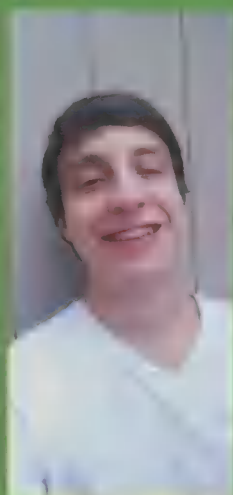


1. Seniors Abner Karmari, Anna Davis and Paige Mehala anxiously wait for the announcements of senior regalia.
2. Mary Jancovich, Marti Walters and Grace Withrow of the Anatomy Excellence banquet, both for seniors who earned a 4.0 GPA at the time of graduation.
3. Seniors Jamine Mocarros and Amber Brown show their Photoshopped meal at the senior banquet.
4. Song director Miguel Rosales and another Kathryn Berger at the Anatomy Excellence banquet.

“

Senioritis is no laughing matter.  
-Jacob Evan

”



## College Plans

### Claire Simon

"After graduation, I am attending New York University and will be majoring in media, culture and communications."

### Jonathan Poholarz

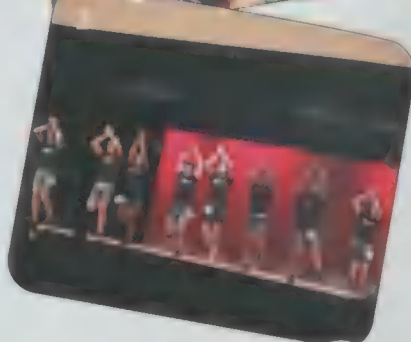
"I plan on attending Purdue University in West Lafayette in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science."

### Dominique DePippo

"I want to go to college and become a vet. I'm moving to Orono, Maine, to attend the University of Maine Honors."

### Rainer Neis

Rainer Neis will be attending Purdue University and participating in an ROTC program as preparation for the US Airforce.



Viking Nation, a school spirit group that is primarily run by seniors, plans student section themes and a variety of cheers to get the crowds excited for games.

Then and Now  
Evan Curry



Then and Now  
Lindsay Bell



Then and Now  
Mary Jancovich





## What was the most important lesson that you learned this year?



"Do what makes you happy; don't listen to what anyone else thinks!"

-Kaylie Elam, 12



"Take everything day by day and appreciate still being a kid because it will be gone before you know it!"

-Kayla Turley, 12

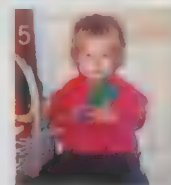
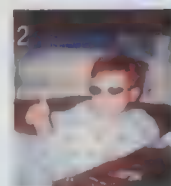


"Focus on what you think about yourself, not what others think about you!"

-Michael Deedrick, 12

## Guess that Baby Picture

- A. Antonio Sanchez
- B. Erica Lindy
- C. Luma Khabbaz
- D. Marin Hilbrich
- E. Madi Walters
- F. Grace Withrow
- G. Taylor Segally
- H. Livia Crim
- I. Andrew Flasch



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 2. Erica Lindy  
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*Describe your senior year in a simple way:*

*"Busy" -Brandon Hamill*

*"We dem boys" -Eric Viankes*

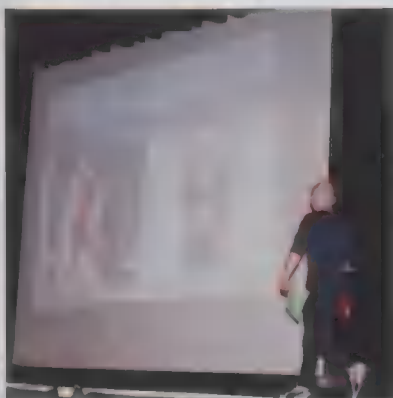
*"LOL" -Bobby Gallowitch*

*"Tubular" -Cassie Trost*

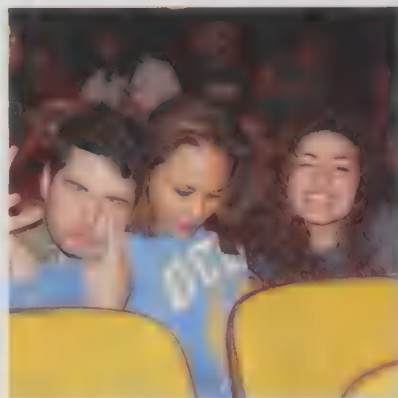
## Life as a Senior: Special Events

*-The Senior Banquet, in which students wear gear to represent the schools they will be attending*

*-Seniors take one final day early so they can have a family-style breakfast with the faculty*



Senior Royalties Ceremony



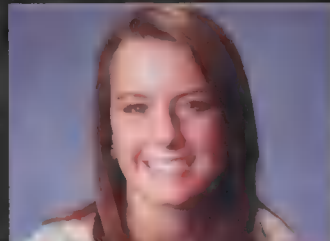
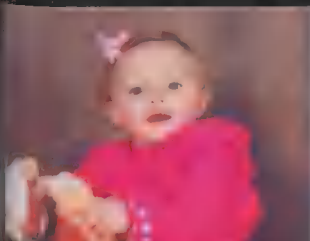
Senior Royalties Ceremony



Senior Breakfast

**Then and Now**  
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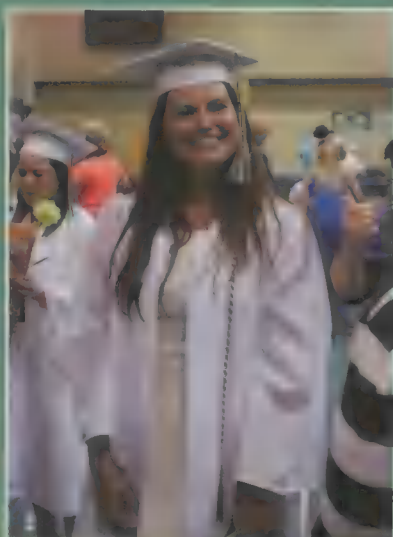
**Then and Now**  
Ireland McLinn







1. Students listen to President **Ian Norris** (right) during the ceremony. 2. **Brooke Lyons** looks for her parents in the blur of green and white. 3. **Steve Davis**, who moved at the end of the year, spoke to a crowd of nearly 2,000 students, friends, families, and parents at graduation on June 11.



4. Graduates sit through the ceremony in which their names are called and wait for their name to be called. 5. **Dr. Reid Arnesen** addressed the crowd behind a stack of diplomas. There were 549 diplomas awarded for students who graduated in the morning or after they finished summer school and the March of green graduates buried the diplomas until they could be handed out.

## Graduation Speakers



Kevin Scannell

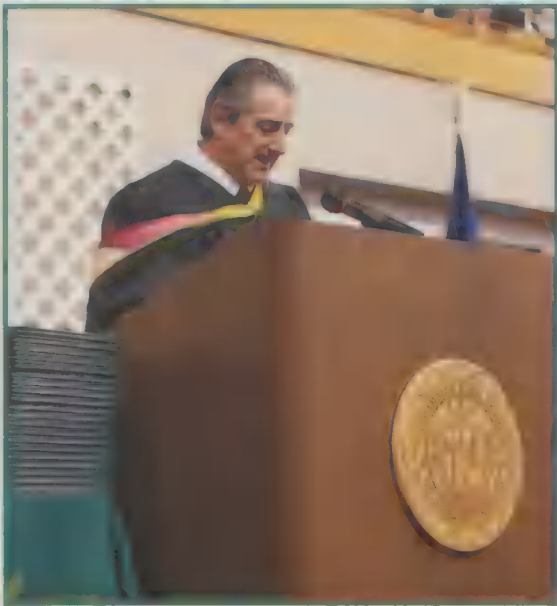


Grace Withrow



Ian Norris



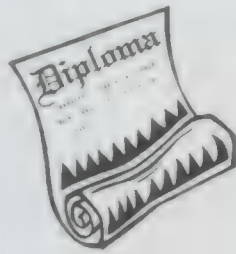


## Mr. Steve Davis

Steve Davis, who announced his retirement this year, was chosen to speak at graduation. He graduated from University of Indianapolis in 1976 and has taught 9th grade biology for 39 years in Valparaiso. His classroom has always been known for its multitude of critters.

Of his graduation speech, Davis said, "My only regret commencement night was leaving out my niece, Maeve Crowley, in a callout. I got a few laughs, made a few cry, and adding this 'write out' completes my closure. Thank you seniors, staff and everyone else for these wonderful, fantastic memories."

Davis said that he would want Valpo to remember that he wasn't the best, but he wasn't the worst, and the kids knew their stuff. He expects that his retirement will really hit him when "everyone else comes back in the fall and I don't."



# Saying Goodbye

## Graduation

As you stand with your classmates in alphabetical order in your cap and gown, waiting for your name to be called, you tell yourself that you will remember this day forever. You watch all of your friends walk across the stage, receive their diplomas, and shake hands. Will you see them again after today? Of course! You just spent four years of high school with them! You can't imagine not being here next year. Everything will be different from now on. Everything...

Your name is called. This is it. This is your high school graduation. It only happens once. Despite your wanting to remember every second of this night, everything becomes a blur as you climb the steps to the stage. You are handed a diploma, and several people grab your hand. You hear someone shout your name. The next thing you know, you're sitting back in your seat. It's over. The speeches are given and you are released.

Somewhere in the chaos, your friends hug you and you pose for a hundred pictures, cameras flashing in your face. Someone gives you a copy of "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Suess. Your parents greet you, tears in their eyes. They tell you they are proud. You wish you could focus on the moment, but all you can think is that this is it. This is the end. Everything will be different from now on. Everything.

**"You're off to great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So...get on your way!"**

-Dr. Suess



After much debate and discussion, the decision was made that graduation would be held indoors. More than 500 graduates participated on Friday, June 1, 2012.





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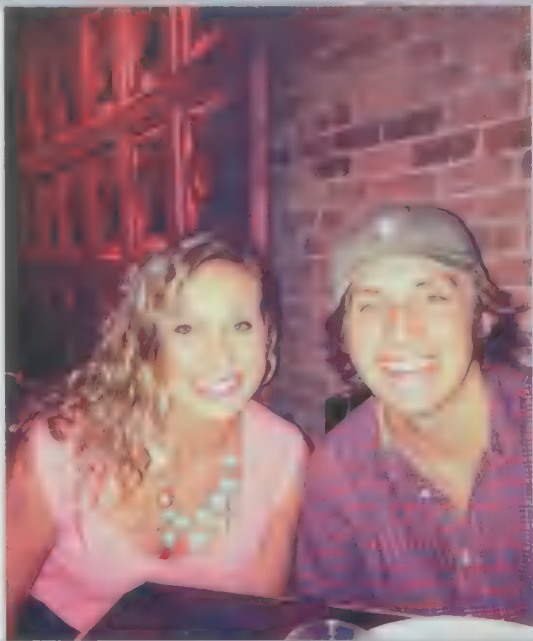
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Congratulations on graduating, and best of luck in college, Dylan. You are the light of our lives, and we love you very much!

-The Workman and Wells Families



*Congratulations and best of luck at IU to Sofia Grimsdard, Evan Curry and Cassie Trest from your families! We love you!!*





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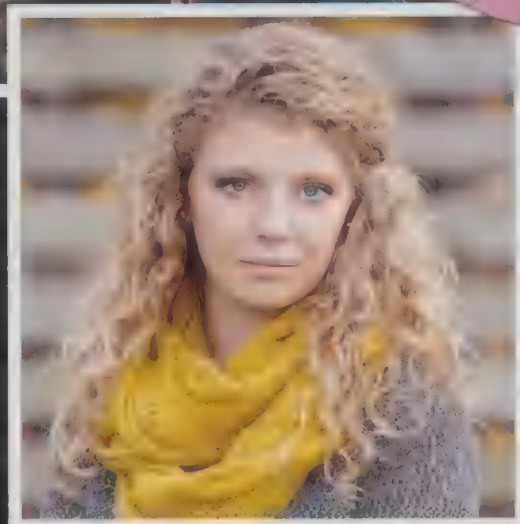
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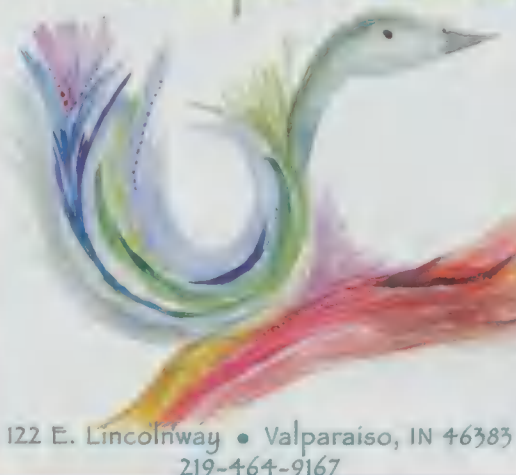
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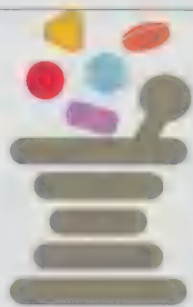
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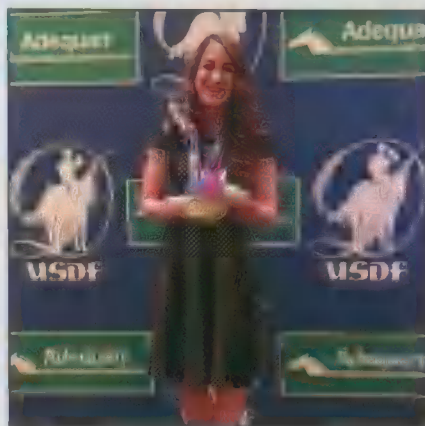
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## Caroline Shaw



Congratulations on your Graduation! You have accomplished many amazing things during your time at VHS, and we look forward to your future achievements, adventures and stories of fascinating travels. Well done, Kiddo!  
Papa, Tara and Kennedy

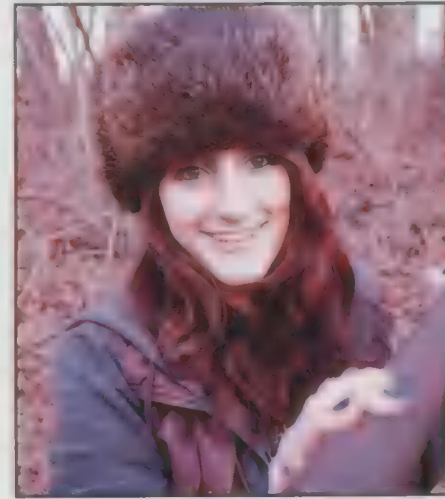






Kathryn "Kat" Zaborowski

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. " Jeremiah 29:11 I am so proud of you. I love you!!! Mom



## Mackenzie Stewart Canavan

Dear Mackenzie,

Our little KenzieBear.....from the moment you were born, you had a spirit and fierce independent nature that never took "No" for an answer.

The pictures says it all.....It is what makes you....YOU!!! We are so proud of your achievements and the strong independent person that you have become. You have a heart of gold....and we love you so much.

As you enter into college... let your kindness, courage, and independence guide you into a fantastic 4 years.

You're the Best!!Love,

Mommy, Daddy, Kelly, Ryan and Laney





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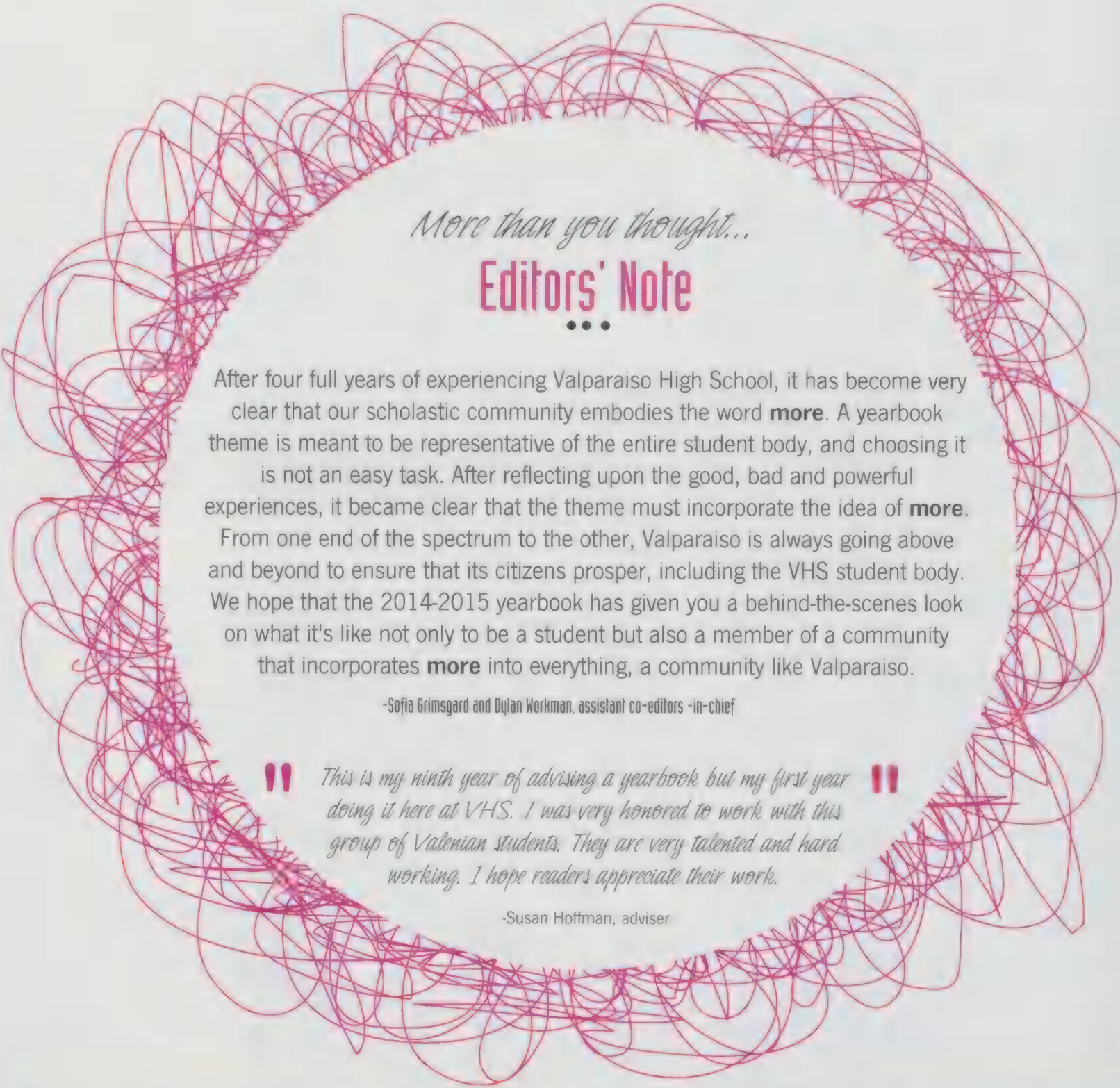
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-Sofia Grimsgard and Dylan Workman, assistant co-editors -in-chief



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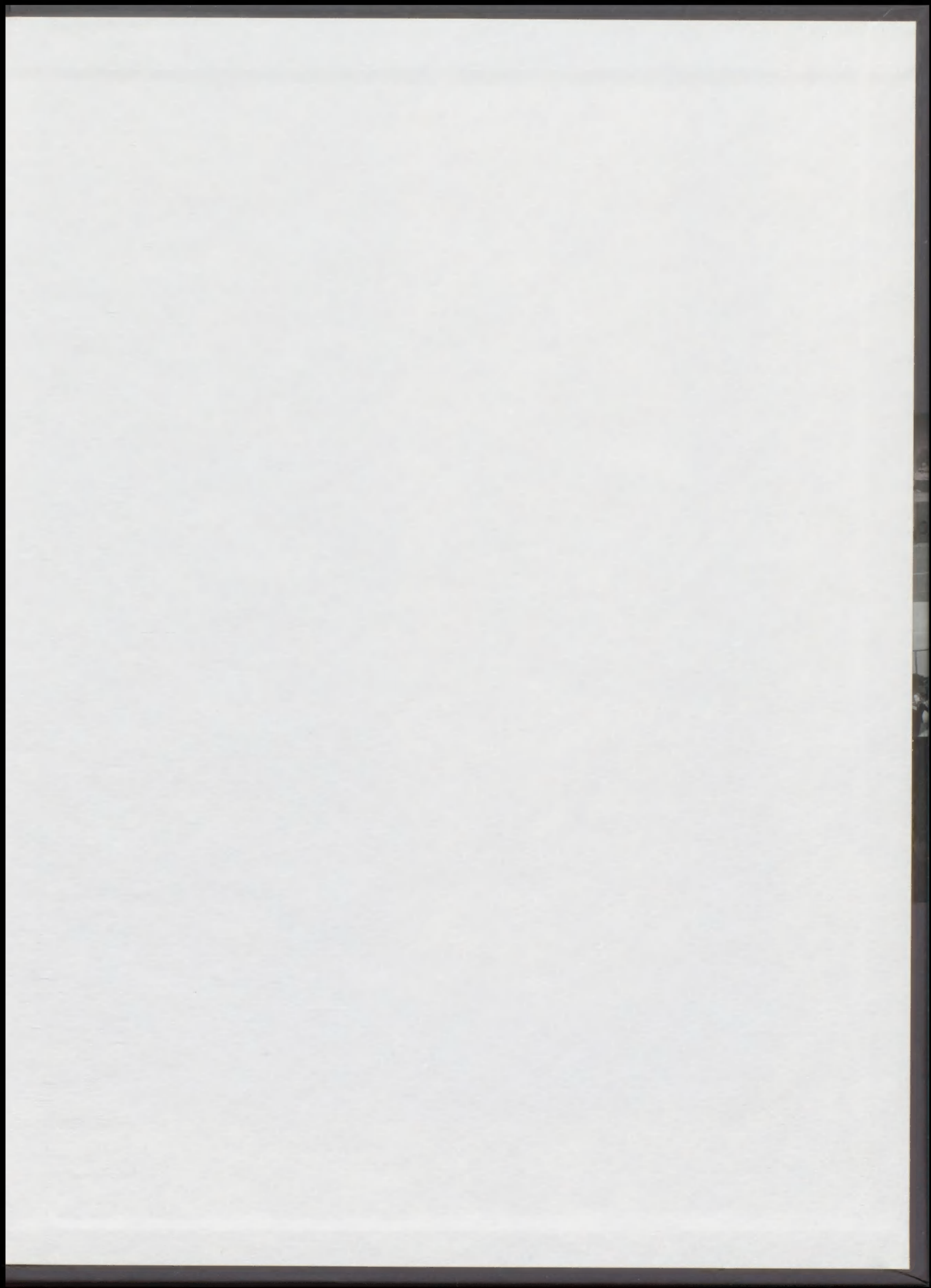
















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